

THE REGION

Camas Prairie



High: 52 Low: 33
Rain likely today and tonight. Cloudy Monday, showers likely, high 54.

Treasure Valley



High: 60 Low: 47
Rain likely today and tonight. Cloudy Monday, showers likely, high 65.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley



High: 48 Low: 35
Rain/snow likely early today, then decreasing, but cloudy. Cloudy Monday, chance of showers, high 55.

Eastern Idaho



High: 52 Low: 38
Rain likely early today, then decreasing, but cloudy. Cloudy Monday, chance of showers, high 55.

Northern Idaho



High: 62 Low: 35
Mostly sunny early today, then partly cloudy. Cloudy Monday with chance of showers, high 62.

Northern Utah



High: 64 Low: 41
Rain likely early today, then some clearing. Partly cloudy Monday, chance of showers, high 68.

Northern Nevada



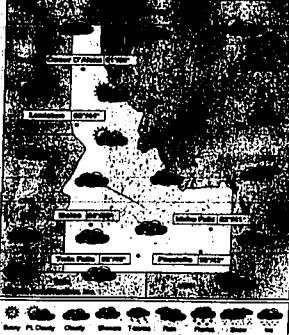
High: 55 Low: 46
Rain likely today and tonight. Cloudy Monday, showers likely, high 57.



Idaho weather

Sunday, May 7

AccuWeather.com forecast



UV INDEX

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SKY WATCH

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Sunrise tomorrow: 6:24 a.m.
Lunar phases: First quarter, May 10; full, May 18; last quarter, May 26; new, June 2.

Nation: Thunderstorms drenched Oklahoma, causing flooding Saturday that was blamed for one death.

The thunderstorms had stayed nearly stationary over eastern Oklahoma during the night, part of a system that produced stormy weather over the southern Plains and western Gulf Coast states for much of the week.

The storms dwindled as they moved northeastward through Arkansas and Missouri and into the Twin Cities area.

An upper-level low pressure area over the

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AccuWeather forecast for noon, Sunday, May 7

Localized high temperatures areas for the day

Northwest: 50° to 60°

Northeast: 50° to 60°

Midwest: 50° to 60°

South: 50° to 60°

West: 50° to 60°

Alaska: 50° to 60°

Hawaii: 50° to 60°

Fronts: None

COLD: None

WARM: None

STATIONARY: None

Wind: None

Precipitation: None

Clouds: None

UV: None

Visibility: None

Humidity: None

Clouds: None

UV: None

Visibility: None

Humidity

Business practices policies reduce food poisonings from listeria

WHAT'S THE best way to reduce food poisonings from listeria? That's the question the U.S. Department of Agriculture is asking. The agency has issued a new set of guidelines for food safety.

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Agriculture Department expects to propose, in four months, plans to require testing for listeria, salmonella, campylobacter, and related bacteria in ground floors and other areas around their plants. The tests are designed to warn of sanitation problems that could lead to meat contamination.

Many companies already test on their own. They do not have to share the results with the government and have no government enforcement power if they find contamination.

CIA officials say they are not revealing names of officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The presidential advisory panel, headed by former Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., gave President Clinton and congressional intelligence overseers a classified report containing sharp criticism of Agency policy.

The panel said the report said its handling is reasonably harsh, which is significant because Bush was going to speak out in support of the CIA's handling of the matter.

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NATION**Rains pound eastern Oklahoma, killing one**

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Floodwaters poured into several eastern Oklahoma towns Saturday, killing a woman, filling homes and businesses and affecting hundreds of families in a four-county area.

"This is the worst flood we've had in over 30 years and I've been here a lot longer than that," said B.J. Pope, Creek County emergency management director.

Tulsa reported six inches of rain fell Friday and Saturday, closing several roads there, and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol reported at least three state highways were closed by floodwaters, mudslides or washed-out bridges.

Emergency workers evacuated people from flooded homes in Kiener, Sapulpa and several other towns. A mobile home park was swamped Saturday in Kiener.

Problem

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those warnings and continue to use it," Crystal said.

When the first wave hit the Magic Valley the problem was evident in courts, where both cases swelled the dockets, Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeks said.

Those numbers have leveled off in recent years, but meth remains an ingredient in many cases, including burglary, domestic violence and other violent crimes, Loeks said.

"Methamphetamine is the No. 1 drug the criminals choose to use and distribute right now," he said.

In Jerome County, authorities

where a creek topped its banks after the town received more than 8 inches of rain from Friday into Saturday. Pope said some roads still had 8 to 9 feet of water over them Saturday afternoon, and a nearby creek was still rising.

Marilyn Cory, 53, was killed after the car she was driving to work early Saturday was caught up in floodwater, Tulsa police said. Cory was found by rescue workers a few hours after her car got stuck.

About 100 families in Sapulpa might not be able to return to their houses Saturday night, said Tom Halowell, who was running a Red Cross station at a church.

Shelters also were set up in Coweta and Sand Springs, where about 125 people were affected by the floods, said Red Cross spokeswoman Jennifer Taylor.

have driven meth use and dealing underground.

"(But) I know it's still going on. It's still here," Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

The frustration for law enforcement is that for every drug dealer that gets busted and sent to prison, another is waiting to fill the void, continuing the cycle of meth abuse.

"I hope one day it will fade, but right now we're still trying to get a handle on it," he said.

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Animal abuse draws sentence

OKERCHOBRE: Mrs. (AP) — A woman pleaded no contest to animal cruelty for her part in "crush" videos, which show women crushing small animals to death with their feet.

Stephanie Loudermill, 29, was sentenced Friday to two years of probation, 300 hours of community service and psychiatric counseling.

The videos were made by

unidentified persons and distributed on Internet sites. They depict under the direction of Loudermill, the animal being crushed by a person's foot or a heavy object.

The tapes are sold to persons who download, play and trade them through the eight or so women involved in the videos and others who buy them.

In the tapes, Loudermill is seen

crushing a mouse, a lizard, a frog, a snake and a bird under her foot. She is also seen crushing a lizard with a heavy metal bar.

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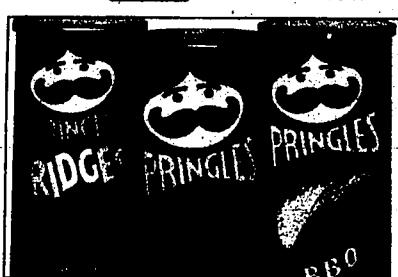
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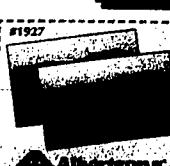
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NATION

Okinawa's ghosts

Did Marines abuse villagers during WWII, eventually falling victim to them?

NAGO, Japan (AP) — In the chaos that followed the ferocious Battle of Okinawa, soldiers and their families died and were buried in lawns and fields across the island, a discovery that has never been fully made.

In early 1945, a group of American atomic bomb crews landed on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and ended the war. The men were listed first as deserters, then as missing in action.

More than five decades later, the discovery of the bones — inside a cave up a steep jungle slope — has raised new questions about history. The skeletons belonged to the long-since disbanded Marines.

The American circus home, and little more was heard of the cave and its grisly contents.

Now, as George prepares to host President Clinton and other world leaders for July's Group of Eight summit, a story has surfaced that the Marines regularly brutalized local villagers and were killed in retribution — then thrown inside the cave to rot.

The U.S. military says the cause of death cannot be determined. In Okinawa, the widow of one man says her son was killed by the Marines. Another, believe this "Macabre Health Headen told The Associated Press. "He was not that kind of person."

On Okinawa, a former mayor of Nago pointed to the hills where the bones were found.

"The men who were killed were never found," wrote Toguchi. "So we think the ones who killed them, I think that every day for the past 50 years they have kept their silence out of the fear they would be arrested as war criminals."

Villagers still don't like talking about those times when Japan was keeping them and Okinawans, well in mind. "Everyone lived in the hills. There was no law."

Japan had made the island a last line of defense, and the battle was the bloodiest, longest and most fierce citizens became their own defense against invaders. They were captured, then tortured, then killed.

Japanese word for blocks so destroyed it is banned from publication or public discourse.

Set in a hill above a stream bed, covered in vines and loose rock, the cave is 6 feet wide at the entrance and about 50 feet deep.

Such caves pock Okinawa. In the war, many islanders died in the caves while trying to avoid the Americans.

Today, the caves are still used.

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A man visits a cave on Okinawa this past April 22 where the bodies of three American servicemen were found two years ago.



Pfc. John M. Smith



Pvt. Leslie 'Toke'



Pfc. James D. Robinson

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Robinson of Savannah, Ga.; Pfc. Jim Smith of Cincinnati; and Pvt. Leslie Stokes

of Robinson and Smith were returned to their families. Stokes' hometown was not immediately known. His body remains at the Army's identification laboratory in Hawaii until his relatives, located in Chicago, decide what to do with it.

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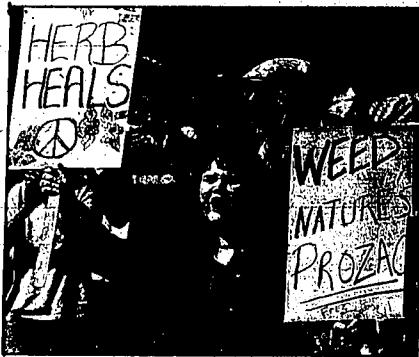
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Selene Hamm of Nampa cheers on speakers at a rally Saturday in Boise.

Pro-marijuana protesters rally at Idaho Statehouse

BOISE (AP) — Marijuana and hemp should be legalized to clear the nation's prisons of many non-violent inmates, instead of drug law violations and prison as an alternative crop for making construction materials and paper, said supporters at a Statehouse gathering.

Speakers at the Saturday "citizen's rally" said the American prison and jail population passed the 2 million mark in February. More than half imprisoned are non-violent and the largest category of inmates are marijuana offenders. "From its inception, the Marijuana Tax Act of 1937 was a racist law; we can see that today," Boise State University sociology professor Martin Orr said of the law prohibiting pot.

"African Americans and Hispanics combined are about 20 percent of the marijuana users, but they comprise 55 percent of the marijuana offenders sentenced under federal law."

The Legalization of Marijuana Club in April became an official student organization at North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

Its goal is drafting a statewide voter initiative to legalize pot for personal use under a state-licensing program. It also supports

legalizing industrial hemp as an Idaho crop and creating a system of state-regulated marijuana stores, like liquor dispensaries.

"Prohibition of hemp has had a tremendous strain on our state's economy and environment," Orr said. "In the face of deforestation and the resultant timber shortage, it's an industry poised to explode. We can stop making trees into paper and get better paper in the bargain."

Ada County Sheriff Vaughn watched the rally from his office.

"There seems to be a great debate in terms of factual information," he said. "From the law enforcement standpoint, my concern is industrial hemp they grow is the same THC content as the marijuana we smoked 25 years ago. You legalize agricultural hemp and you legalize a gateway drug leading to other substances."

Chris Chapman of Boise agreed marijuana is a gateway drug, which led her late son, Lyle Michael Chapman, to harder drugs.

He developed heart problems and was in line for a heart transplant, but took himself off the list of people to receive a new organ out of regret over drug use, she said.

Officials ponder move for Jackpot airport

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — It's time for Jackpot to consider moving its airport farther from town and possibly expanding it. Elko County Commissioner Mike Nannini said last week:

If federal money is available for the job, Jackpot should go after it, he said.

Nannini made his suggestion

after Lynn Forsberg requested county approval to seek a Federal Aviation Administration grant to update the airport's master plan. Forsberg, director of public works superintendent, said the master plan needs updating every few years, and the FAA grant would cover most of the cost.

He also noted that this year the FAA has appropriated a large amount of money for pro-

jects at small airports.

Commissioner Nannini said Jackpot casinos at one time proposed an interest in getting the airport moved to a larger site, but the location made that impractical. He suggested that the Jackpot Town Board discuss the idea with casino owners and come back to the commission with a proposal if there is enough interest.

Beth Winans, who chairs the

Jackpot Advisory Board, said the casinos are still interested in the airport and she would bring the matter up at a future meeting. Commissioner Eric Roberts noted that Jackpot is Elko County's fastest-growing community.

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Feds: Panhandle river presents hazard to rafters, kayakers

bound by steep rock walls. Boaters should scour the river from the St. Joe River Road before starting a trip. The road offers a clear view of the water and any obstacles.

and several other rapids upstream from Avery. "There's no way to run this section of Tumblinedown right now," said Jamie Schmidt with the St. Joe Ranger District.

The river is blocked in at least five spots by submerged logs.

This upper section is a rugged stretch of river that flows through sometimes narrow stretches

Fast-moving high water from spring snowmelt combined with big log jams make for very dangerous conditions at Tumblinedown.

— Times-News photo by Jim Avery

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The Citizens Advisory Board will welcome seven new members to the table in May. The agenda will be dedicated to providing an overall orientation to the INEEL and how the Board operates. Topics for the orientation will include:

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- ✓ INEEL facilities
- ✓ INEEL's waste management program
- ✓ INEEL's cleanup program

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The INEEL Citizens Advisory Board encourages you to attend its May meeting. Public comment sessions will be held throughout the meeting.

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Designation of U.S. 50 near Austin, Nev., could bring local communities along the isolated stretch as much as \$10 million to promote tourism.

Road to prosperity?

Heritage group wants federal funding for America's 'Loneliest Road'

ELY, Nev. (AP) — A heritage protection group in eastern Nevada wants Congress to designate a 300-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 50 as a National Scenic Byway, from Baker, Nev., to Austin, Nev.

"It's a program that preserves old markets history," said Toni Harvey, chairwoman of the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership.

"The designation of the highway dubbed the 'Loneliest Road in America' would provide local communities dotting the road with as much as \$10 million in federal funding over 10 years."

"The money would be used for building restoration and to promote the area," said Parry Hingmont, White Pine Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Hingmont, who also serves on the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership board, said the designation would also provide local communities with tourists — and potential residents.

"It's a good idea to introduce

people to our communities, and show them what we have to offer," Rimington told the Ely Daily Times. "Who knows? Maybe they'll want to relocate."

There are 18 National Heritage Areas nationwide, Harvey said. She said all but one are located in the Eastern United States.

The South Carolina National Heritage Corridor was established in 1996. It spans a 240-mile long section of the state, extending from the Blue Ridge Mountains to the Atlantic Ocean, encompassing 14 counties and about 1 million residents.

Craig Cottie, Great Basin Partnership director for tourism development director for the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, said the designation has "worked well" but warned against relying too heavily on federal funding.

"The designation does give that Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval," Cottie said. "Because there aren't that many designations, it really does mean something."

thing, especially when you talk with donors."

But federal money is used mostly as "seed money," or as part of a "collective effort," Cottie said.

The bulk of the resources are to be raised locally, Cottie said.

South Carolina's "corridor" is divided into four regions, highlighting the state's — and the South's — centuries-long evolution and culture.

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"People come to Baker to see the park, but it never occurs to them that there's more to see than just the park," Harvey said. "With the heritage area, we feel

we can get them to stay longer, and tour the entire area."

One major difference — South Carolina's not marketing a "destination."

"We've got Charleston in the mix, which receives 6 to 7 million visitors a year, and the mountains receive another 1 to 2 million," Cottie said.

"There's already a good level of visitation in the corridor, so it really comes down to good management."

Getting state and federal legislation is the next stop on the U.S. Highway 50 road map, Rimington said.

Harvey said Congress could receive the request this summer.

"We've already been in touch with Utah Representative Jim Hansen's side," Harvey said. "We've also contacted Nevada Senators Harry Reid and Richard Bryan, and Representative Jim Gibbons."

David Cherry, Sen. Reid's press secretary, said Reid is "essentially supportive" of the concept.

Utah signals suit against feds over road ownership

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Gov. Mike Leavitt committed the state Friday to a legal battle with the federal government over who controls a network of dirt trails crisscrossing rural Utah.

"Over the span of the last nearly 30 years it's been our state's burden to continually have to press for access to rights of way that we have used, in many cases, since the pioneers entered this valley 150 years ago," said Leavitt.

The governor was flanked by members of the Utah congressional delegation, state legislators and county commissioners and replicas road signs reading "Our Roads, Our Rights."

He signed an executive order instructing the attorney general to notify the federal government of its intent to sue over the road jurisdiction and create an office to gather evidence to be used in court to back up county road-right-of-way battles.

Last legislative session, lawmakers approved spending \$2 million a year litigating right-of-way battles.

An issue is who has control over as many as 5,000 dirt roads and trails across Utah.

A federal law passed shortly after the Civil War allowed counties to retain control over traditional dirt roads across federal land. But the 1976 created Bureau of Land Management have clashed over how to define

a traditional thoroughfare.

There are a number of trails the BLM does not consider as roads and has closed to travel. Rural Utah residents say the primitive paths are vital to their livelihoods in ranching or mining.

"These roads are the veins and arteries of a county's economic cardiovascular system," said San Juan County Commissioner William Redd. "Kill them and you kill the counties."

Mike Reberg, spokesman for the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, said talkin in such dire terms distorts the issue.

"These are not roads. These are cow trails and double-track wagon tracks that lead to nowhere," he said. "For people to claim a cow trail is essential for their livelihood is just crazy."

Reberg said the real motivation is to prevent the land from being designated as federally protected wilderness.

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A balancing act

Church's new prince faces complex archdiocese

NEW YORK (AP) — The new archbishop of New York will have to walk a spiritual tightrope, balancing traditional teachings with contemporary challenges as he takes over America's most prominent Roman Catholic pulpit.

He will be Pope John Paul II's point man in the world's most powerful nation. But his flock — including those who support birth control and women seeking a greater role in the church — may not follow easily.

"We, the baptized, are the church. We really don't look to the hierarchy," said Sister Mary Boys, professor of practical theology at New York's Union Theological Seminary.

Some problems facing the successor to Cardinal John O'Connor, who died Wednesday at age 80 after 15 years as cardinal, are peculiar to New York, with its mix of ethnic cultures and languages. But others reflect the challenge of the Catholic Church across the country in an age when strict rules are more open to question.

The 4,700-square-mile New York archdiocese, with 24 million faithful, faces tight finances, a diminishing supply of priests and some signs of a racial shift in the population, which it ministers to.

It is the nation's third largest Catholic diocese after Los Angeles and Chicago. In the 19th century, it was populated by Irish immigrants. In the early 20th century, it was Italians.

Then came the reason why O'Connor — the latest in a long line of Irish-American archbishops — spoke Spanish: Most of a third of New York's Catholics are now Hispanic.

About two miles from the bronze portals of St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue is St. Elizabeth's Church in the Washington Heights neighborhood, where working-class Puerto Ricans and Dominicans struggle to feed their children.

The church is under pressure — financial pressure, the pressure of the drug scene, and the sex scene in the neighborhood, the pressure of families that aren't



Rev. Gerald Walsh talks with young parishioners Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Church in Manhattan.

able to stay at home," said the Rev. Gerald Walsh, St. Elizabeth's Irish-American pastor.

He said "one of the biggest problems faced by the American Catholic Church is that the number of immigrants is rising while the number of priests and nuns is dropping — by about 50 percent in the past four decades."

"If we have to keep the ship afloat, people are hungry, religious famine," said Walsh, 58, who presides over Masses in Spanish and English.

Julianna Figueroa, who worships at St. Elizabeth's, doesn't mind that the church's pastor is not Hispanic. But she said she misses the close-knit friendships from her native Puerto Rico, the sense of community that carried over in the church.

"People out there were more together, we knew each other," said Figueroa, 32. "Here, you come to church, you see the people in church, and then you don't see them anymore."

The new archbishop will replace a cardinal who was a powerhouse, both spiritual and temporal. In the world's media capital, he would appear with politicians and celebrities, and his comments on social issues in Sunday homilies made news.

Metropolis searches for its Superman

METROPOLIS, Ill. (AP) — Wanted: tall, handsome, muscular man willing to wear tights in public. Ability to leap tall buildings a plus, but not required.

The town of Metropolis — Illinois, that is — is holding a Superman for its upcoming festival honoring the Man of Steel, but the big block of "kryptonite" parked downtown must be scaring the true Clark Kent away. In the list of applicants so far, big bellies and bald heads rule.

"I think these guys must have

forgotten what Superman looks like," said Jim Hambrick, co-chairman of the Superman search and owner of the Super Museum.

Most of the applicants don't even come from Metropolis, which shares its name with the fictional city. Metropolis superhero regularly sends reporter Lois Lane for all sorts of catastrophes and evildoers.

One candidate is from northern Illinois. Another intends to fly in — presumably not under his own power — from Atlanta. Most are

from Paducah, Ky., just across the Ohio River.

This is the first time in the 22-year history of Metropolis' Superman Celebration that a superhero hasn't just fallen in organizers' laps, said chamber director Kelly Ambert, whose staff is fielding applications for the fifth biennial event.

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Deaths of gray whales raise alarm

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — Gray whales keep turning up dead on the beaches along the West Coast this spring, and scientists who study the giant, mysterious creatures are having a hard time figuring out why.

Each year at this time, thousands of gray whales in the Pacific swim north on their annual migration from warm, shallow lagoons off Mexico, where they breed and give birth, to their summertime feeding grounds in the chilly depths of Arctic seas. It is one of the most epic journeys in the animal kingdom, and something might now be going wrong along the way.

Then again, the opposite could be true. The rate of deaths might be an encouraging sign of growth for the species, which in the past few decades has made a strong comeback from the brink of extinction. So far, no one knows.

About two dozen gray whales, which as adults extend over 30 feet long and weigh as much as 40 tons, have washed up over hundreds of miles of shoreline from Southern California to the San Francisco Bay this month. The tally is higher than it was at this time last year, but not by much.

"We have to keep the ship afloat, people are hungry, religious famine," said Walsh, 58, who presides over Masses in Spanish and English.

Julianna Figueroa, who worships at St. Elizabeth's, doesn't mind that the church's pastor is not Hispanic. But she said she misses the close-knit friendships from her native Puerto Rico, the sense of community that carried over in the church.

"People out there were more together, we knew each other," said Figueroa, 32. "Here, you come to church, you see the people in church, and then you don't see them anymore."

The new archbishop will replace a cardinal who was a powerhouse, both spiritual and temporal. In the world's media capital, he would appear with politicians and celebrities, and his comments on social issues in Sunday homilies made news.

Whale facts

Since the early 1970s, there have been between 20,000 and 26,000 gray whales in the population, growing by about 2 percent every year. They also were removed from the endangered species list in 1994. Some biologists contend that there is no greater testament to the value of the Endangered Species Act.

But the recent deaths are raising concerns that the gray whale population may now be growing at a rate greater than its food sources in the Arctic can support. That is a concern because the species is still listed as threatened.

The federal government is confident in the vitality of the species that it is permitting the Makah Indians to kill as many as five gray whales each year on the Washington coast as part of an ancient tribal ritual, even though some environmental groups adamantly object to the hunt.

"Ironically, the rise in deaths we're seeing may just be part of an important and necessary success story," said Warner Chabot, a vice president of the Center for Marine Conservation, a non-profit group in San Francisco. "Overall, the population still looks healthy. But we don't really know."

Environmentalists believe that the recent increase in deaths had something to do with a lack of food.

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And do they eat? Environmentalists say gray whales spend months scouring the ocean floor, mining sediment in search of food. Most pack on more than 10,000 pounds before they make their long trip back south to Mexico for the winter. They need the blubber as fuel for their long journey, dining during either leg of their marathon route. If El Nino is to blame for food shortages, scientists say that it could take years for their feeding habitats to be fully restored.

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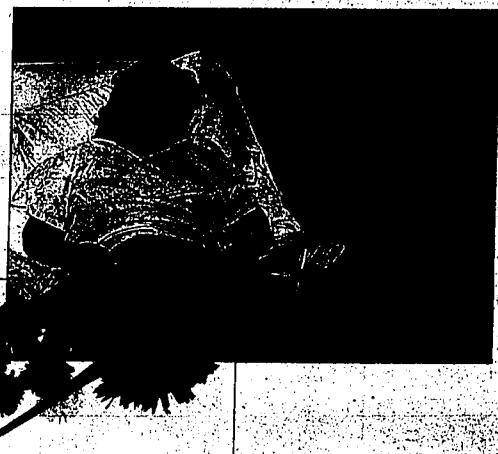
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EDITORIAL

City Council was wise not to snub China over Tibet

For more than a year, Twin Falls businesswoman Tamara Hamilton-Harney has been courting business in China.

On Wednesday, her business, Hamilton Manufacturing Inc., hosted a luncheon attended by several corporate executives and city leaders from Shanghai, China. Hamilton-Harney's networking has helped earn other Idaho companies a shot at doing business with a Shanghai-based construction firm, the Yongye Group.

Just as one businesswoman's efforts can make a difference, so can the signals sent from one small city. With that in mind, the Twin Falls City Council was right to reject a high school student's recent request to condemn China's occupation of Tibet.

The reality is that little the Twin Falls City Council ever does would budge China's policy toward Tibet. Though it would have had no political effect, a public condemnation easily could have devastated the efforts of Hamilton-Harney and others. Had city leaders censured China, it's not hard to envision Hamilton-Harney's business contacts withering on the vine.

For Western businesses, China and its 1.25 billion inhabitants represents the last frontier. For Idaho farmers, that is a market too large to ignore. For its part, China wants to do more business with the West — and secure permanent member status in the World Trade Organization.

But questions about China's human-rights record can't be swept under the carpet.

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That's how business works. Politicians can only encourage the dialogue. They can't seal the deal.

Idaho's political leadership has done its part to encourage trade with China. For example, they helped navigate China's \$6 million purchase of 50,000 metric tons of U.S. wheat, the Asian giant's first purchase of U.S. wheat in 28 years.

We don't have to agree with China on every issue. Most Americans certainly don't admire China's communism, and many are rightfully concerned about China's human-rights record.

But like foreign trade, which requires many small steps to reach a goal, reform occurs gradually. Rather than isolation, engaging China is the best path to follow.

Thus, the real decision is whether to engage China through trade, or isolate it. Engagement works better than isolationism. That's true even with human rights issues. It doesn't change simply because, in China's case, the economic stakes are higher.

Hamilton-Harney is riding a wave that other Idaho business leaders would like to catch. It hasn't just happened. She has worked aggressively to court Yongye as a client for her hydroseeding and insulation products.

This is the meat and potatoes of building up business contacts. Though the parties are literally a world apart, it's no different than any other vendor-consumer relationship —

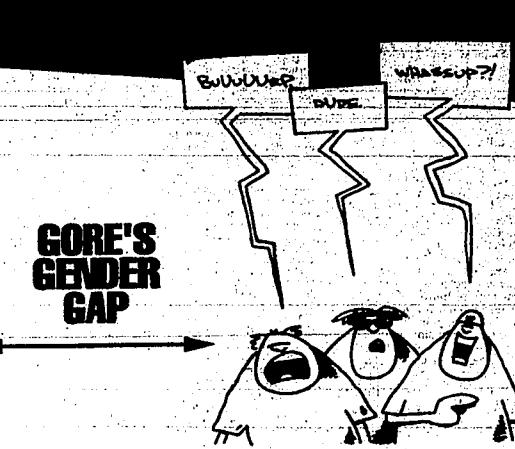
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His views are in sharp contrast with his opponent's.

Silak carries with her the baggage of partisanship from her prejudicial days as a recruiter for the radical American Civil Liberties Union and her deep immersion in Democratic Party politics. In these days of environmentalism, she's a die-hard leftist — ideas more at home along the eastern seaboard or University of California at Berkeley than in Idaho. The ACLU is most recently memorable for its efforts



Shifting values of the Idaho Supreme Court

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to force removal of a statue of the Ten Commandments from the lawn in front of the Bannock County Courthouse and of that great Boise landmark, the cross on Table Rock.

While much of Silak's work on the court does not reflect any partisanship, it did surface when the rights of Idaho water users collided with the federal government's own vision of federal wilderness legislation. Silak penned an opinion of the court which found "implied" federal water rights appurtenant to the federal lands through which water ran.

The negative impact on the downstream water rights of Idaho citizens was substantial. Idaho's congressional delegation had taken great care to draft the federal laws so that this would not happen, alas to no avail. Silak's opinion may require Idaho water users to suffer the damage. The measure of a judge is not the number of good, fair decisions she has made; rather, it is the aberrations — the few but damaging ones

READER COMMENT
George C. Detweller

where a philosophical predisposition toward Washington as the source of all wisdom — which determines judicial fitness. Though the two decisions are not comparable, the principle is illustrated when we remember Chief Justice Taney for his hundreds of good rulings but for his grievous error in the Dred Scott Decision.

Idaho has reached a delicate balance between non-partisanship and accountability in the process which we have established to select judges. No branch of government should be allowed to interfere with the selection process for its office.

The legislature must seek voter approval to remain in office. The same is true of the executive branch. Certainly, judges should not be exempt from facing the music and having the voters decide if their performance in office is satisfactory enough for them to stay there. It is only with a thorough airing and discussion of any office holder's record that the electorate can make an informed, intelligent decision. That is, after all, why judges are elected.

The interests of Idaho will be better served with Judge Daniel Elsmann on the Idaho Supreme Court. In him we will find a Justice for all Idaho.

George C. Detweller is a semi-retired attorney living in Twin Falls.

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We need more than clubs

As a parent of three teenage soccer players, I read with interest the editorial board's conclusion that "club level soccer is appropriate today for Twin Falls High School."

The Idaho High School Activities Association rules prohibit IHSSA school-sanctioned and sponsored teams from playing IHSSAA teams. To my knowledge, most of the high schools in the state and all other high schools of Twin Falls with high school-level soccer teams will have school-sponsored and sanctioned teams beginning this fall and be members of the Idaho High School Activities Association.

Consequently, there will be no soccer matches available for our "club" high school youth. This consequence is far-reaching and will significantly affect the development of soccer in Twin Falls. If Twin Falls does not field a fall soccer program, it cannot be competitive with most other teams in southern Idaho whose players practice nine and/or compete almost nine months of the year.

Currently, the fall and spring leagues sponsored by the city and the Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association are meeting the needs of hundreds of players. If Twin Falls does not field competitive high school teams, this city will be hard-pressed to encourage youth and their parents to invest the time in a sport that ends after junior high school.

As parents well know, children and teenagers who have insufficient activities to challenge them physically and mentally find outlets for expressing and/or expressing themselves. Do we want to have hundreds of more children and teenagers in Twin Falls with more unsupervised and unproductive time on their hands? Investment in our youth benefits everyone in the commu-

nity, and soccer is a good investment.

JACKIE WAKEFIELD
Twin Falls

No fan of Bill Reid

In 1994, Bill Reid (who rode in a funeral procession with the placard asking for votes, also being sued for sexual harassment) was undersheriff when my house was being broken into. Everything was sabotaged; food and hygiene products were tampered with, resulting in extreme weight loss and illness. Despite 32 bullet holes in our house (not a felony), there was never an investigation. Dan Chatterton was the detective. He no longer works for the county.

Chief Jim Dahl quit, and he was replaced by Bill Reid. As a result, seven officers quit. The perpetrator of our harassment was hired as an officer in the city where we live.

I spent a week down in Tahoe vacationing with 20-some wonderful people, five of whom FBI agents. You are never going to get away with the things you did to my kids and me. The pen is mightier than the sword, truth stranger than fiction and good always prevails.

CHERY MARTIN
Jerome

Cows have it good

People with understanding and reason are well aware that as long as we have those among us whose driving passion in life is wealth and power, there will also be those who value and demand for environmentalists and activists. Publicity and interest generated by the controversies involved often draw radicals and people with irrational logic.

Unfortunately this group often damage the credibility and support for legitimate causes.

An article is recent news arti-

cles referring to dairies as "animal concentration camps." I suppose in defending this statement that they could say, well, cows are

concentrated aren't they? The use of the term "concentration camps" is a thinly veiled attempt to use ugly propaganda to incite negative emotion in the people.

When you consider that this term was used to describe one of mankind's most shameful and horrible episodes in history against our own kind.

Millions of men, women and children, all of them helpless, were brutally starved, beaten and executed without mercy.

In contrast, in human terms, a dairy resembles an aristocratic retirement center. Only the highest quality food is served to the inhabitants with cool well water for drinking, straw beds to rest on in damp weather and veterinary checks year round.

In comparison, reflect on the poverty and stressful life of their herbivorous cousins deer and elk. In bad winters, they die of disease and starvation. There is always the ever-present threat of being pulled down and savagely killed by mountain lions, grizzly bears and now, thanks to Washington, D.C., wolves.

"Animal concentration camps?" Deer, elk and humans should be so lucky.

GLEN CAPPES
Jerome

They've gone too far

Now they have gone too far. It wasn't before time that the members of the community responded to their members how to vote in a presidential election before Clinton. Almost reminds one of the '30s. Then, they spent thousands of dollars telling their members how to vote on Proposition 22 in California. But now what they are trying to do has got to be the worst. I will not use words like extortion, bribery or blackmail, although fitting. I will plainly say they have overnight turned a part of the U.S. government.

I hope I have your attention now. I am referring to the April 27 article about the Mormon Church's threat to pull out of the

Boy Scouts of America if the U.S. Supreme Court rules that a homosexual can be a scout leader. The Boy Scouts has adulterers, alcoholics, wife beaters, drug users, child molesters, etc., along with a majority of upright citizens as scout leaders, why not a homosexual who is devoted to the scouting program and only to the scouting program?

It has been said that 10 percent of the population is homosexual.

So with that percentage, you line up all the boys in the scouting program and start counting them off; when you get to every 10th boy, out of scouting he goes. In the Snake River Council alone, that would mean that 61 boys would be out of scouting. Of all the boys in scouting that the Mormon Church sponsors, 40,000 boys would not receive the program. Of the 100,000 boys in scouting in the entire council would be 117,900 plus boys.

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JAMES R. CARMICHAEL SR.
Twin Falls

Asthma deaths on the rise

The other day, I read in the paper that asthma deaths were up. I am hoping that I won't be one of the statistics.

For years, I have taken all the precautions the health department recommends to prevent asthma attacks. The only time I've had an asthma attack this past year is when horrendous odors blew in from a dairy or feedlot. Most of the time, I can dash into the house before I stop

breathing, just gasping for breath. It is scary, and I hurt for days.

If the health department would check all the asthma deaths and people suffering with asthma and see how many of them live within five miles of a dairy or feedlot where they confine large numbers of animals, I'm sure they would find one reason why asthma deaths are increasing!

MERILE STOODARD
Twin Falls

Consider bombing Cuba

Ellen was coming to the United States to help with the model schools. When she saw the dairies, she died. What she saw die was an illegal act. But so did 90 percent of these people protesting. Why is there so much talk? The law in the United States is our law, not that of Cuba. If Cuba threatened me like it did, I would bomb them. Take them off the globe. But if we did that, they would protest that, too. So what is right or wrong?

If a little boy, Ellen General, would have died, do you think his father would have come to get his body? The forced removal of Ellen from her relatives reminds me of the raid at Ruby Ridge in Idaho — 400 agents to remove one man. Bad maybe then, bad now, however. But as a taxpayer, how much is this costing the United States? Millions of dollars.

PERRY REASCH
Jerome

Enough with the tests already

"Don't be too quick to scale back standardized tests," writes the Times-News editorial board in its letter to the editor on April 27. Uh-huh! The foundations for that are sound.

For years, I have been telling the Legislature and the governor to refine Idaho's public school system. That is a good worth setting, not scaling. The passing of tests should be to provide some enlightenment to assist our unfounded worries.

Lately, learn to trust Marilyn Howard. She does have the questionable profession of education, but despite that obvious charade, she's the best thing that has happened to Idaho since I became governor in 1995. I support her efforts to improve Idaho's public school system well.

SHANE PACK
Twin Falls

OPINION

Federal appointment process is in trouble

After the election of George W. Bush, many people are worried about what will happen to the federal appointment process. That is a truth often forgotten in the heat of presidential campaigns, when a candidate like Vice President Gore is boasting daily warnings that his opponent's election will threaten to rock the foundations of government.

Security, unless a crime were, close down public schools or what ever other fight he can imagine.

In contrast to those hysterics, there is a real threat Gore or Texas Gov. George W. Bush will face when the winner of this contest comes to establishing his government in 2001. The presidential appointment process—the mechanism by which an administration is formed—is near the breaking point.

That is the conclusion of a report published last week based, not on some academic study, but on a survey of the experiences and views of 435 Cabinet and sub-Cabinet officials who served in the last three administrations. The picture they paint of corruption, inefficiency and waste—in both the White House and the Senate—is one that leads the principal author of the report, the Brookings Institution's Paul C. Light, to conclude that "the presidential appointments process now

DAVID S.
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wreaks havoc on government."

"Unless something is done soon to streamline the process and restore confidence in both the two branches," say Light and his co-author, the Heritage Foundation's Virginia L. Thomas, "the next administration will be lucky to have its Cabinet and sub-Cabinet in place by Nov. 1, 2001, minus 10 months into the term."

The survey is not conclusive, but the survey results give ample evidence to support it. An earlier study of comparable posts in governments from 1964 to 1984 found that only 5 percent of these high-level officials said that more than six months had elapsed between the time they were contacted by the White House and confirmed by the Senate. The new survey found that delay of half a year or more was the norm, with 71 percent of the Reagan administration appointment appointees, 29 percent of the Bush administration officials and a stunning 44 percent under President Clinton.

The officials in all three admin-

istrations found more fault with their contacts with the White House, particularly both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue, than did the 1984 survey. Most important, 56 percent of the Reagan appointees said the White House was "too demanding," but 40 percent of the Clinton officials found dealing with the White House "an ordeal."

The Senate's aggravation—increasingly talent was cited by 35 percent of the Reagan officials, but 57 percent of the Clinton folks.

Light and Thomas observe that "the Clinton administration brought much of the current delay on itself through early stumbles and later scandals," but said the underlying cause will not be removed "merely because the Clinton administration leaves office."

A major complaint is the time it takes to fill out the financial disclosure and other background information forms. "It is a very cumbersome, drawn-out process of just filling out paperwork, answering the same questions in different ways and in different order," for the FBI, the White House personnel office and the Senate Committee holding confirmation hearings, a Clinton administration official said.

Light and his partners in the project, funded by the Pew Charitable Trusts, plan a second

survey this summer of state and local elected officials, corporate executives, university presidents and members of Congress to determine whether their view of the appointment process has had any impact on their willingness to serve in government. Light told me he thinks it will show "we're on the verge of losing a lot of people from the pool of talent we'd like to have to staff the top ranks of government."

An earlier survey he did showed that top college graduates who choose public service careers now prefer to work in the nonprofit or private sector than for the federal government.

Later, Light's group will try to make practical suggestions to the president-elect on ways to rationalize the process and make it less of an ordeal. Any change will require both the Senate and the White House to recognize, as Morton said, that "the purpose of politics is to establish government."

"They have to realize," Light said, "that they are in a talent war, and the people they want to enlist have many other options."

When the appointment process becomes an endless obstacle course, this country is the loser.

David S. Broder is a Washington Post columnist.

LETTERS

Separate docs and shrinks

Are our medical doctors too quick to assume the role of psychiatrist? Can we not have legitimate reasons to cry or get angry, or think? There are still times for everyone when if you are uncomfortable in crowds,

Sometimes we have real pain and we do cry over it. Aren't we born with certain instincts, or are they learned? If one is depressed for no explainable reason, then this person should be in the care of trained psychiatrists.

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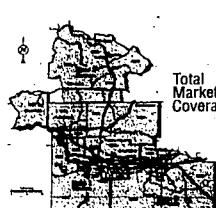
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Major peace development: IRA says it will soon begin disarming

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The Irish Republican Army announced Saturday that it will soon begin disarming — a hugely significant and long-awaited breakthrough in the effort to revive the Northern Ireland peace process.

The outlawed IRA gave its unprecedented commitment a day after the British and Irish governments announced ambitious plans to transfer power back to the province's suspended Catholic-Protestant administration on May 22 — and, controversially, to extend the deadline for total IRA disarmament from that date to June 2001.

Before calling a 1997 truce, the IRA killed about 300 officers as part of its 27-year campaign to abolish Northern Ireland as a Protestant-majority state linked to Britain. But its refusal to disarm has been a major stumbling block in the peace process.

Reformers win majority of seats in Iran's run-off polls

TEHRAN, Iran — In another crushing defeat at the polls for Islamic hard-liners, Iran's largest reform party said Saturday that allies of the moderate president swept all 66 seats in run-off legislative elections.

State-run Tehran radio said the counting was completed from Friday's elections. It read the names of the winners, but did not give their names.

However, the Islamic Iran Participation Front, which is run by the brother of President Mohammad Khatami and is the nation's largest reformist party, said that presidential allies made a clean sweep.

The hard-line Guardian Council, which oversees elections, still must endorse the results.

It annulled a dozen reformist victories in the Feb. 18 first round, when reformers won 70 percent of the seats.

South African president opens AIDS conference

PRETORIA, Johannesburg — Amid a growing AIDS crisis and criticism of his handling of it, President Thabo Mbeki opened a meeting of scientists Saturday to debate such concepts as whether AIDS is spread by unexpected sex.

Even though most of the conference of so-called AIDS dissenters don't expect the gathering to produce a magic bullet, regardless, public confidence in Mbeki's ability to handle his country's AIDS disaster does hang in the balance.

There is already grumbling that Mbeki's unorthodox ideas make South Africa an unsuitable host for the international AIDS 2000 Conference, which is to be held in June. The UN AIDS agency, a conference organizer, has rejected calls for a boycott, saying it would divert attention from fighting the epidemic.

Asian nations OK currency plan to prevent future crises

CHIANG MAI, Thailand — Thirteen Asian nations agreed Saturday to help defend each other's currencies in the event of an economic crisis like the one that devastated the region in 1997-1998.

Economic powers — Japan, China and South Korea decided to take a role in the fledgling currency protection scheme adopted two months ago by the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, part of a wider goal of creating a more united Asia on the world economy.

Finance ministers from those countries met on the sidelines of the annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank, a Philippines-based institution some Asian officials would like to see become a lender of last resort to troubled nations.

Earlier, about 2,000 demonstrators pushed over crowd-control barriers and confronted riot police in a protest against the bank, which opened its three-day meeting inside a university conference hall.

Putin to be sworn in as Russia's second president

MOSCOW — Russia will inaugurate the stern, careful Vladimir Putin as its second democratically elected president today, handing the former spy a mandate to restore national pride and economic活力 after nearly a decade.

Boris Yeltsin, who dismantled the Soviet Union and brought Putin to the Kremlin before resigning in December, will

World in brief

hand his successor the presidential chain and medal as the last Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, looks on. Such a peaceful, voluntary handing over of power is unprecedented in the sprawling nation's history.

Among those Putin invited to his inauguration at the ornate

Russian President
Vladimir Putin

Great Kremlin Palace were his childhood judo coach and elementary school teacher. Meanwhile, the Moscow political elite jockeyed for seats at the noon ceremony. — compiled from wire reports

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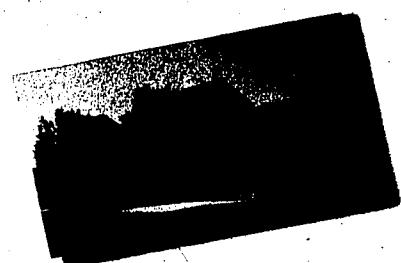
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Section B

Report card: What a state California's in

Since I've been making fun of California for a decade now (Monday marks the 10th anniversary of column), I figured it was time to do a little follow-up report on how they're faring in our midst.

The great bulk of Golden-State Tapers have been with us for five years or more now; emigration from California has slowed from a line-backer blitz to a turnip-truck crawl since the recession ended in 1993.

For the most part, that's turned California into a place to let your tax folks and good neighbors know they still, I think, need a little work on the style points of being Edisons:

Country to most expectations, Californians turned out to be more Idahoan than Idahoans, settling in just a little to the right of Genghis Khan. We'll tickled that you're conservative, but ease up on the throttle a bit. Even Idaho natives are remarkably in favor of paved roads.

DON'T ASK ME, SAW CHAMP

California citizens arrived here in vehicles... that were manufactured by folks who couldn't say "catalytic converter" in English. Now I'm pleased to see more F-150s and G-10s beginning to pop up, but the only way we'll know they're real Americans is if California is that they're real clean.

Food (or "Eats," in the local dialect) ...

We've got some big names to California cuisine, but we've still never developed a special about fajitas, chimichangas, burritos and other particularly hummus. And what's up with all those veggie burgers?

Local sports ...

While we'd like to know just how hot of practicing consistently about how much you sold your house for in San Rafael, we find your obsession with real estate absolutely bat-

ty nature, kitchens are fixtures, not fixtures, and up here a house is a place to live, not a test of taste.

And while we're at it, kindly return my Wood Whacker.

Cell phones. C

On the one hand, we're appreciative that you can drive and talk on the phone at the same time without taking out an entire row of parked cars. On the other hand, we're livid that you've infected Idaho natives with the cell phone virus, making driving Blue Lakes Boulevard North all that it is today.

Fashion - C-

"A" for effort on the Wranglers and the Tomy Lamas, but you still walk funny.

Landscaping - D-

Before you Californians showed up, nobody around here even thought of stickin' boulders in their yards on purpose. Hell's bells, we tried for 90 years to get RID of the damned things.

Upholstery - P

Fact: There ain't a Californian, current or former, who can drive a chair or a car or a stained seat cushion. His or her head will explode if he or she tries.

Religion - C

God-fearing folks of all persuasions, but true Idahoans embrace Sunday (or Saturday) mornings as a time to sit on uncomfortable benches and suffer for our play and our households. Please, if you've gonna have fun at church, kindly look as if you're not.

And always remember that unchristian exhibits we earned Moses 40 days in the desert of the Sinai, which is sort of like the Great Rift except with locusts.

Entertainment - F

Twenty years ago, havin' your face lifted around here would be grounds for roundin' up a posse. Nowadays, breast augmentation, tummy-tucks and liposuction are commonplace, and it isn't hard to figure out where we got the notion.

Look, Native Idahoans and Modest Native need to agree that it's time to say "no" to sequins. Modest Native's name is changed in appreciation.

Times-News features editor Steve Clark answers that if you damaged California and all its people by a terrible prairie fire, he's a "trotter" after your truck in the afterlife.

By Alan T. Hardy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hard times could be ahead for the sheriff's department, and for other Twin Falls County agencies, if the sheriff's perennial budget problems aren't worked out, a county

commissioner warns.

Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said the sheriff's department is over budget for budget again this year — continuing a trend that climaxed last year in a \$600,000 cost overrun.

So far this year, the sheriff's department is running about

\$38,000, or 2 percent, over its

\$1.9 million main department budget and about \$65,000, or 5 percent, over its \$1.3 million jail budget.

Both overruns have gone mostly to overtime wages, Sheriff Wayne Toualey said.

But those numbers could

change by the time the 1999-2000 budget year ends Sept. 30, Toualey said.

"It's a numbers game," Toualey said. "At the end of the year, you should be around 100 percent spent. But you could be

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Spending draws concern Commissioner claims sheriff's budget is in trouble

And the winners are . . .

Times-News staff wins press awards

The Times-News

BOISE — Times-News writers and the paper's website designer received Idaho Press Club awards at a special ceremony Saturday in Boise.

First place honors went to education writer Jennifer Sandmann for her column "Idaho's Schoolhouse" and to Outdoor Editor Bill Beck for his column titled "Faltering and far from home; Dancing with death; The journey ends."

Times-News Ag Weekly Editor Carol Dumas won four awards, including the first place editorial award for "Bad decisions beg for good ones"; a second place award for her column "Dinner with friends fly over 4-H sale"; the second place agriculture award for "Norkothas take hold of market"; and an honorable mention for "IRC not buying dairy success."

Times-News writer Brian Haynes took second place in crime writing award for his feature titled "Living in Fear" and writer John T. Hickey won third place feature award for "A Trooper's Goodbye."

Photographer Bruce Shields took second place honors for sports photography for his photo "Eagles Take Charge" and a third place award for spot news photography for his photo called "Submerged Truck."

Tracy Emry won the third-place general excellence award for website design.

Accident sends Washington woman to hospital

The Times-News

HAZELTON — A 17-year-old Washington woman was injured Saturday when the station wagon she was driving went off Interstate 84 near the Eden-Hazleton exit, overcorrected and rolled into a median, according to an Idaho State Police news release.

Jilliane McCauley, of Woodinville, Wash., was driving westbound when she reportedly fell asleep at the wheel, the release said. She was wearing a seat belt and there were no passengers in the vehicle, the release said.

Emergency units were dispatched around 3:40 p.m. and McCauley was taken by helicopter to the St. Rose Hospital Medical Center in Pocatello for treatment. Her condition was not available at press time.

The accident was still under investigation.



Fiddlers gather for a 'hoedown showdown'

By Ruth Scherer
Times-News writer

JEROME — It was a hoedown showdown Saturday in Jerome.

About 100 fiddlers and other musicians from three states descended on the high school for the annual Idaho Open Regional Fiddle Contest.

It was a contest as entertaining as any live show. Teenagers played like pros and old-timers jammed like kids. For Jon Beck, the beauty of fiddling is in its lack of structure and the freedom to improvise.

"It's an organized one-man ship," said Jacobson, who spent the day accompanying competing fiddlers on his guitar.

The talent of the younger play-

ers is especially impressive, Jacobson said. Unlike adults, they're neither shy nor afraid of performing, and their smaller arms and fingers have youth on their side.

"I'm sure their coordination is a little better than us older people," he said.

For 17-year-old Katrina Pearce of Nampa, it's an instrument that's not content to blend in. Playing since she was 18 months old, Pearce the fiddle is addictive, and a way to play everything from Texas-style to swing.

Others recognized a healthy addiction when they saw one. Some contestants began playing as an alternative to watching the tube, said Mary Miller, executive assistant for the Jerome

Chamber of Commerce, one of the competition sponsors.

Contestants are judged on a hoedown-a-waltz-and-a-third tune of choice all to be played within a strict four minutes. Five finalists from each age group were to play Saturday night, and the top three from each division will win cash prizes ranging from \$75 to \$400 — and quality for the nationally-known competition in Weber.

Contestants were judged by a panel of three judges who listened from another room and had no idea who they were hearing. Each tune was judged on old-time fiddling style, danceability, rhythm and timing tone quality.

Fiddler Mary York, who plays Irish music in a band, had heard

that not one contestant would be playing fiddle music and decided to bring a little variety to the competition.

People don't realize there are just slight differences between violins and fiddles. Despite a difference in the bridge and the strings, they're pretty much the same thing, Pearce said. The main difference is in the style of music played on them, she said.

Some contestants bring two fiddles because the two "is that which is carried in a case and a fiddle is carried in a gunny sack," York said. It's an instrument that can play anything you give it, but an instrument that's much maligned, said Jacobson, for whom the fiddle is harder than the banjo, mandolin or guitar. Played well, it's a swine.

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Actress recreates Bible scenes

By Karen Sosnick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Phoebe appears only once in the Bible — in Romans 16:1.

But with the dawning of a fish necklace and a twist of a head scarf around her blonde hair, Jane Leister turns this name into one of the greatest stories of the Bible.

Suddenly, this single woman of 2,000 years ago is standing before you, wed, by the fact that Paul the Apostle has chosen her — a single woman in a time when women had little value — to deliver a letter for him. Not just any letter, mind you, but the letter to the Romans, the Good News.

"Phoebe in her simplicity bears the message of the grace of the gospel," Leister said. "For her, it was urgent that these folks in Rome receive the letter that was saved immediately. She was intent that they seize this gift and open it and live."

Leister, a Christian actress and poet from Houston, Texas, brought several women of the New Testament to life Saturday with her emotional soul-searching one-woman portrayals of the women at the wall. Fontini, Mrs. Martha, Job's wife, Lazarus, the mother of the boy with two loves and others. She will bring Mary Magdalene to life in another per-

formance this morning at the Church of the Big Woods.

Leister has been making the five-hour character portrayals from coast to coast since 1986, even taking them into women's prisons. Each character portrayal ends in a frozen position, from which she begins a transformation into a new character.

Audiences see the characters unfold even as Leister donning the robes and jewelry that accompany the particular woman that she's portraying. She assumes the haughty air of

the wealthy, the poor, the sick,

the crippled, the lame, the blind,

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Veterinarian shares pet health care tips

By Corren Hart
Times-News correspondent

What to do

HUYBURN — Summer is a busy season for veterinarians.

That's when the number of pets getting sick or injured jumps to the ceiling, and the pet doctors find themselves consoling grieving owners.

But there are ways to prevent suffering and even save lives.

Routine pet health care comes first, said David Baggett, veterinarian at Rupert Animal Hospital.

"The first thing is making sure your dog or cat is current on vaccines," he said. "As we go out to our activities, viruses like parvo and corona are becoming more prevalent."

Some vaccines, such as the one for Lyme disease, require up to two weeks to become fully effective, he said.

People who take their pets hunting, fishing, or on vacation unwittingly expose them to new organisms they won't find at home. In wooded and brushy areas, Baggett said, ticks, lice and fleas are only a few of the parasites you and your pet can pick up.

He recommends getting a preventive medicine from your veterinarian. There are liquids that require only a few drops on the animal's coat for protection.

"Carry fresh drinking water

for yourself and your pet," Baggett cautioned. "Don't let them drink out of streams and ponds which may be polluted.

And provide shade in the heat. Dogs can get heatstroke and heat exhaustion just like people."

Baggett's other tips for pet owners are to brush your animals after walking them. "They get weed and grass seeds stuck in their ears and toes and coats."

Dogs can get heartworm and heat exhaustion just like people."

"Lizards have had a dog come in with giardia. Giardia is a parasite that lives in ponds, streams, lakes and rivers. Juke was a big akita who weighed 111 pounds until he ingested some. We treated him for six weeks, and he dropped to about 80 pounds."

"There was a lot of uncertainty and many prayers before Juke pulled through. He recovered completely. He was our Thanksgiving miracle."

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TWIN FALLS

Sunday, May 7, 2000, from 4-8 p.m. at White Mortuary. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, White Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

BLISS**A.L. 'Jim' Blandford**

A.L. 'Jim' Blandford, 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, April 28, 2000, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise as the result of a fall at home on Wednesday evening.

Jim was born on June 19, 1921, in Twin Falls, Washington, the son of Joseph Blandford and Grace Blandford Blandford. As a small child, Jim attended schools in Jerome, Rupert, and Twin Falls. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1939 and attended the University of Idaho and the University of Wyoming before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He served four years achieving the rank of staff sergeant before being honorably discharged. In 1946, Jim resumed his studies and the following year graduated Bachelor of Arts degree in 1947. On January 28, 1948, he married Julie Ryan in Twin Falls. Jim and Julie returned to Moscow where Jim attended law school receiving his law degree in 1951. They moved to Twin Falls where Jim entered into his father's law practice until his retirement in 1990.

Jim was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, serving as house president during his senior year. Jim loved his wife, Julie, and his two brothers continued throughout his lifetime. He was also a member of the Idaho Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Twin Falls Elks Lodge, and the American Legion.

Jim was survived by his wife, Julie of Twin Falls; his daughter, Patty and son-in-law, Bruce Stratton of Boise; son, Jim Blandford of Scottsdale, AZ; daughter, Sharon of Idaho Falls; Doug and Martha of Liberty Lake, WA; brother, Bob and sister-in-law, Susie of Indian Wells, CA. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Jeff and Ryan Stratton; T.J., Chris, and Chelsea Blandford; and Nick, Travis, and Kelsey Matthews; and one great-grandson, Andrew Stratton.

Jim was a wonderful husband, father, and papa and especially loved to enjoy the time spent with his grandchildren. We will miss his sense of humor, his special way of telling a story, and even his way of turning a five-minute chore into a two-hour project.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2000, at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel with Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. The family suggests memorials to: The University of Idaho Foundation; Beta Phi, Beneficiary; Moscow, ID 83343 or a charity of your choice.

Harold C. Walker

Harold C. Walker, 87, of Twin Falls, died on May 5, 2000, at his home in Twin Falls.

He was born August 18, 1912, to Grover C. and Lavolla Hall Walker in St. Joseph, MO. At the age of seven he moved with his family to Carroll County, Mo. Harold attended Walker school and worked on the family farm. In July of 1936, he came to Idaho seeking employment. In August his lifelong love Mabel McCullum came to him and they were married on August 14, 1936, in Rupert, Idaho. For 53 years they have lived in the Magic Valley, farming and helping anyone who was in need. They have lived in Twin Falls since 1974. Harold's love and compassion will be missed by all who have ever met him. His infectious smile, warm presence, and love around him. His spirit will be held dear by all the children whom he and Mabel have helped through the years. He was a member of the Idaho Baptist Church.

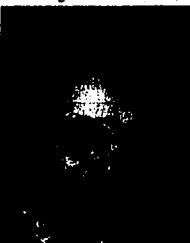
Harold is survived by his wife and soulmate, Mabel, of Twin Falls; two sisters, Katherine Huygen of Wichita, Kan., and Helen D'Parry of Sparks, Nev., and also by numerous nephews and nieces and cousins whom have held a special place in his heart. He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant son, one sister and one brother.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials may be made in his name to the American Diabetes Assoc., 1111 S. Orchard, Suite 234, Boise, Idaho 83705; the Idaho Heart Association, 270 Orchard, Suite 2, Boise, Idaho 83705.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, May 8, 2000, at 11 a.m. at White Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Mark Brown, Pastor Ritchie Weers and Rev. Paul Jackson officiating the service. Viewing will be on

Sunday, May 7, 2000, from 4-8 p.m. at White Mortuary. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park, White Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

A Vigil service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 7, 2000, at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Michael G. Hove officiating. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2000, with Father Ron Weller officiating. Burial will follow at the Jerome Cemetery with military rites. A public viewing will follow the Vigil. The family suggests memorials to the Jerome Community Center or a charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

JEROME**Karma Wood**

Karma Wood, 25, of Orem, Utah, and formerly of Bliss, Idaho, died Wednesday, May 3, 2000, in Orem, Utah. She was born on June 11, 1974, in Gooding, Idaho, the beloved daughter of Doug and Sharon Wood. She was raised and educated in Bliss, Idaho, graduating from Bliss High School in 1993 and the College of Southern Idaho in 1995. She was a member of Saint Agnes Catholic Pocatello in the 1997-1998 school year, as she pursued a degree in Nutrition and Health. In 1998, she moved to Utah. Karma was engaged to David Bezzant of Pleasant Grove, Utah, they planned to be married in the Salt Lake Temple in June. Karma was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Karma is survived by her parents, Doug and Sharon Wood of Bliss; her brothers, Farel D. Wood, Gavin C. (Wendy) Wood, E. Glade Wood, and Ryan Wood; her sisters, Venita (Torri) Behnke and Cheryl (Bart) Mitchell; her nieces, Angela, Stephanie, and Megan Behnke; her nephews, Tyler and Justin Hill; and Connor Wood; her grandparents, Dick and Hartness Miller of Twin Falls; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2000, at the Hagerman Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Bishop Gerhard Luttermann conducting. Burial will follow at the Hagerman Cemetery.

JEROME

Surviving are one daughter, Paula (George) Valenzuela, 21, and three grandchildren, Sherri L. (Brian) Elston, S. Paul (Christine) Standley, and Susan L. (Michael) Brown; and two great-grandchildren, Michael B. Brown and Christopher R. Brown. She was preceded in death by her parents, her mother, and her husband of 50 years.

Memorial services for Phyllis Wiswell will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 13, 2000, in the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Cremation preceded the service under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service.

A special thanks is extended to Hospice caregivers, Janet, Shirley G., Shirley M., Jenna, and Nancy, also nurses Pam, Letta, Cindy and to Dr. Elizabeth Suggen and her entire staff. The family suggests memorials to the Friends of Hospice, 200 2nd Ave. East, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

Ralph H. Dunn

Ralph Hall Dunn, 91, of Jerome, died Thursday, May 4, 2000, at his home in Jerome.

He was born August 2, 1908, at Reeder, North Dakota, the son of William S. and Clara Hall Dunn and was the first boy born in the territory. He moved to Hazelton as a young child and graduated from Hazelton High School in 1926. He then attended the College of Idaho for two years, where he received his elementary teaching certificate. He later returned to school and received a Bachelor's Degree. Ralph taught at Homedale for two years, also taught at Hazelton, and taught at (now Hazelton) for four years and at Canyonide for seven years. From 1942 until 1945, he served in the U.S. Army and was stationed at Panama for a time. Following his discharge, he returned to Jerome and became a teacher at Jerome High School. In 1958, he started teaching at Jerome Junior High School and taught here until 1973. He was also active in the Jerome and the Idaho Education Association. He met Lucy Hurley and they were married at Pocatello on June 19, 1947.

Ralph was an active member of the community and was a member of St. Jerome's Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society and had served as president. He held a 50-year certificate as Post Commander Legion, served as Post Commander and was 4th District Legion Commander and a member of the Jerome Elk's Lodge. He had served as Exalted Ruler of the Elk's and in other local organizations.

Ralph was a member of the Jerome Country Club. Survivors include his sister, Helen Hawley of Mt. Home; and a nephew, Dan Hurley of San Francisco. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, two brothers and several nieces and nephews. Greg Rolfe of

Jerome, Kate Rolfe of Jerome, and Glenda Ross of Danville, Kentucky, and a great-granddaughter, Karen. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2000, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with the Reverend Leman Meesley officiating. Friends and family may call one hour prior to the services. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery.

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Cassia County Republican sheriff's candidates for May 23 primary

Editor's note: This year marks the first time in 19 years that Cassia County won the sheriff's badge in 1981, the Cassia County sheriff's race is contested, and heartily. Voters are spoilt for choice in the May 23 primary — with four candidates to choose from.

The four candidates, all Republicans, have different backgrounds and come from varying backgrounds. Underneath Jim Higgins, Deputy George Warrell Jr., jail administrator Dennis Dexter, and Lynn Blauer, a Burley farmer, are all competing for Crystal's job, which pays \$44,619 a year.

	Lynn Blauer	Dennis Dexter	Jim Higgins	George E. Warrell Jr.
Personal Information				
Age: 45 Residence: Burley Occupation: Farmer Education: High school graduate; Young University. Work history: Farmer, spent six years prospecting in the hills. Civil and volunteer experience: 14 years as a Scoutmaster, three years as instructor of hunter safety course for youth.	Age: 45 Residence: Post Falls; moved to Mini-Cassia in 1988 Occupation: Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center administrator Education: Associate of Arts degree in law enforcement from College of Southern Idaho, Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy. Work history: Patrol officer for Burley Police Department, dispatcher for Rupert Police Department, patrol supervisor for Payette County Sheriff's Dept. Deaf Resident Deputy for Cassia County Sheriff's Office, lieutenant of investigations for sheriff's department. Civil and volunteer experience: Liaison to Idaho 4-H Commanders for the Idaho Sheriff's Association, member of the Idaho State Department of Corrections, Idaho Corrections Work Committee, advisory board, the College of Southern Idaho Law Enforcement Curriculum Advisory Board, Burley Planning and Zoning Commission, volunteer for Department of Employment Job mentoring program.	Age: 52 Residence: Burley Occupation: Cassia County undersheriff Education: Bachelor's degree in law enforcement from College of Southern Idaho, Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy. Work history: Patrol officer for Burley Police Department, Lieutenant of Investigations for Burley Police Department, Lieutenant of patrol division for Cassia County Sheriff's Office. Civil and volunteer experience: Former member and past president of the Keweenaw Club, Vietnam War veteran, advisory member of Mini-Cassia Transportation Committee, member of Mini-Cassia resource committee, Cassia County Emergency Services Coordinator, member of local and regional Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), member of Idaho Victims Witness Association, member of American Legion, member of National Rite Association, volunteer soccer coach.	Age: 59 Residence: Aurora, Neb., came to Burley in 1947 Education: Attended Magic Valley Christian College, Life Underwriters Training Council certification program, Idaho Peace Officers Training Academy.	Occupation: Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy Work history: Part-time dispatcher and reserve officer for Burley Police Department and Cassia County Sheriff's Office. Mini-Cassia Search and Rescue, independent insurance agent for Farmer's Insurance Group; owner, security guard and alarm specialist for Security Plus Inc.; part-time day and full-time patrol deputy for Calico County Sheriff's Office, resident deputy for Owyhee County. Civil and volunteer history: Member of Royal Arch Masonic organization, Twin Falls Commandery, The Shriners, Albion Grange and Idaho Peace Officers Association; former Scoutmaster for three years; Boy Scouts of America; member of Burley Elks Lodge; past master of Burley Lodge #68, past secretary of Burley-Rupert Shrine Club.
What should be done to reduce the number of unsolved crimes?	Officers should return to their notes, even after long periods of time have passed and continue to learn more about the crime. "I don't think they should just leave them in the corner and forget about it," Blauer said. In addition, the citizens ought to become more involved in programs such as Citizens on Patrol.	There should be a more concerted effort among patrol units to spend more time on their reports before handing them over to the investigations division. In turn, there should be more of a concerted effort by detectives to follow through on those cases. Dexter also wants to return to a standard of solving one or two per month, similar to when he was lieutenant of that division. He remembers the standard being seven solved crimes a month.	"I don't think there's a heck of a lot more that can be done than what the sheriff's office is doing right now," Higgins said. Higgins said he can think of one unsolved murder that has left investigators baffled. For all others there are either arrest warrants out or we're active investigations going on. Many things are out of the county's hands, such as waiting for data from forensic laboratories. The county doesn't have much of the necessary equipment, which is why help is often solicited from the Idaho State Police.	There needs to be more of a working relationship between the patrol and investigation divisions. "I think through our investigations, we're working on a lot of them. I think we need to get more [involvement] between patrol and investigations," Warrell said. There also needs to be better communication with the agencies in other counties. He said many criminals know that law enforcement agencies don't work together and know how to use that to their advantage.
How would you improve law enforcement?	Blauer said he wants to be a problem-solver for everyone involved in the justice system. He admitted he might not have much knowledge about law enforcement, but would like to learn about all the problems among police officers, judges and attorneys and try to find a solution. "I'd like to listen to the problems and look at the answers to go on," Blauer said.	I want to improve rapport with the public, improve professionalism," Dexter said. His department must know what the public wants before it can be delivered. He said little things need to be done like conducting accident investigations for incidents on private property. Little things like that in customer service," he said. He said he wants to foster public trust, so the public would be more willing to report incidents.	"The one thing I would want to do is ... I would want to be more involved in the community," Higgins said. He said he would want to stay active in the community he is now. The idea was also brought to him of getting together with student body presidents at local high schools to get a feeling for what is going on in the community. He would continue programs and implement new ones that encourage community involvement, such as the Citizens on Patrol program. In the last year, 100 cases of missing persons go unsolved because people don't report them. Higgins would like to double the involvement in Citizens on Patrol, which now involves six or seven people.	Warrell said he keeps stressing the importance of improving communication between patrol and investigations divisions and of looking very seriously at the morale of officers. "I think that all begins with leadership," Warrell said.
Is police training adequate? What would you do to improve it?	Officers need to review their material constantly, to review policy and procedure. Just as a farmer is to know what chemical he's putting on his field, and must continue to learn about new chemicals, police officers must know what they're doing and continue to learn. They cannot become stagnant in their work.	Society training is a must, and is sometimes asked by the officers for whom it should be required. It is a cost that is easily justified. "If you compare the difference between training and turnover and not being functional ... it's pretty easy to justify training compared to the turnover," Dexter said.	"Training is always an issue. I believe we can never get enough training," Higgins said. The problem with more training is threefold, and they are difficult problems to solve. Those problems are not having the funds for training, not having the availability of classes, such as classes for accident investigation, one-on-one training for officers, and not being able to spare officers for classes. The solutions are to increase funding, which burdens the taxpayers; increase class availability, which the county has no control over; and increase manpower so the county can spare officers for additional training without compromising public protection.	"We have a pretty good program, we need more," Warrell said. "Unfortunately, the type of crime is changing." More crimes are involving youth, and the sheriff's department needs to work more closely with youth, as it has through the DARE program. There must be training for officers in the young people, such as the prevention of youth with mental and emotional disorders. And because the handling of mentally impaired people is becoming an important issue, there also must be stress placed on mental health training, with officers making sure they are re-certified every year.

Fiddlers

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gave good time. Played poorly, too, an ear's worth experience.

"A bad fiddler will clear any room," Jacobson said. "The only thing worse than a bad fiddler is a

banjo player of any class."

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Pontius Pilate's wife, for instance, as she puts on leather after layer of embroidered gold clothing and several pieces of jewelry. "What more could I have done?" the anguished wife cries as she thinks of her attempts to dissuade her husband from crucifying Christ. "I guess I could have cried, but that's not my style. What is truth? I'm asking you."

Pontius Pilate's wife wakes up the first of 26 women in Leister's play. The monologue comes in her one evening during a Holy Week prayer vigil as she sits across from a church window that portrayed Pilate's wife sleepwalking while an angel whispered Christ's innocence into her ear. She begins reading everything she can from the writings of historians like Josephus — that would help her get into the heads of the women in the Bible.

"I learned a lot, too," she said. "The Holy Spirit filled in a lot of the gaps."

Leister said she isn't always allowed to choose who she portrays. She's been in a production of a play about the betrayal of King Herod's wife Herodias, for instance, but ended up painting a portrayal of Salome, who asked for the head of John the Baptist. The conservative community was not happy with the play, and Leister had to change her costume and her lines.

"Do you happen to know what happened?" she asked.

"I never had an comes of compensation for her until I wrote that," Leister said. "All of a sudden, she was a very real woman, a sympathetic

theater-woman."

Sherry Thornton of Hailey said her eyes were also opened by Leister's portrayals.

"I saw that the attitudes the women of the New Testament

have are the same attitudes that I have.... The questions they have, like 'What is truth?' are the same questions I have," she said.

SERVICES

Louise Lillian Walbrecht of Gooding, service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; viewing will be from 4-7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.	Chapel,	at Immanuel Lutheran Church; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls, service at 2:30 p.m. Monday.
HeLEN A. Hendrix of Buhl, service at 10:30 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church; friends may call from 5-7 p.m. today at Family Funeral Chapel in Buhl.	Gretz Will Helms of Twin Falls, service at 2:30 p.m. Monday.	—HOSPITALS—
Agnes E. Hogg BURLEY — Agnes E. Hogg, 93, of Burley, died Saturday, May 6, 2000, at her daughter's home in Twin Falls.	Carolyn C. Stuart JEROME — Carolyn C. Stuart, 92, of Jerome, died Saturday, May 6, 2000, at her home.	MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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JEROME**Willie W. Luper**

Willie Wilburn Luper, 80, of Jerome passed away Friday, May 5, 2000, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care facility, where he had been a resident since 1996.

Willie was born January 1, 1920, at Compton, Arkansas, the son of James and Mary (McNew) Luper. He later married Gladys Sims on August 7, 1933, in Arkansas.

He is survived by his children, Marvin Dilts of Pocatello; Connie (Jeanne) Luper of Jerome; and stepson, Alan Luper, all of Jerome; three sisters, Jewell Jackson of Jerome; Kato Armor and Enard Villines of Arkansas; one brother, Farris Luper of Lowiston; a sister, Mrs. Eula (Luper) Williams of Jerome; brother-in-law, James Abaugh of Jerome; thirteen grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and his lifelong love, Gladys Luper. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by a son, James Edward, a grandson, son-in-law, two brothers, two sisters and their parents.

Memorial services for Mr. W. Luper will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2000, in the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel by Mr. Wayland McClellan. Cremation preceded the services.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Benedict's LTC for the love, friendship and care given. Willie the past four years. Services and cremation are under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service in Jerome.

RUPERT**Marshall H. Eilers**

Marshall Harry Eilers, 88-year-old Rupert resident, died Thursday, May 4, 2000, at Minidoka Memorial Extended Care Facility.

He was born September 21, 1911, in Earlsboro, Oklahoma, the son of John and Barbara (Charlotte (Lottie) Sadler Eilers. He moved to Rupert with his parents as a child and attended Minidoka County School, graduating from Rupert High School in 1930. After graduation, he took a diesel engineering course in San Francisco and also farmed for seven years. He bought and ran a motorized Ketchum from 1937 until the early 1950s. He also worked at Bald Mountain Ski Resort doing construction on the lifts. He married Helen Webb in Rupert, Idaho, in 1938. They had one daughter, Carol. They were divorced on May 27, 1959. He married Veda Kaminski, and they were sealed in the Idaho Falls Temple in 1961. Veda had a daughter, Dorothy, who Marshall adopted. Dorothy predeceased him in 1978. He also predeceased Julia Whitaker on July 18, 1980, in the Salt Lake City Temple. She preceded him in death in 1987. He owned and operated Radio & TV Sales in Rupert and Rupert Square until 1965. Marshall was a member of the Lions Club. He was also a member of the LDS Church where he served as 1st Counselor in

the Bishopric. Elders Quorum President, and as High Priest group leader for seven years. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, hunting, camping and reading.

He is survived by two daughters, Tascha Arville Sawyer of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Dorothy Haynes of Ashland, Oregon; grandchildren, Karen, Vicki, and Vicki; and a great-granddaughter, Kristy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irene and David Eilers; his wife, Helen; and a son, David.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at the Rupert West Stake Center with Bishop Alan Maxwell officiating. Burial will be at the Rupert Cemetery. Family and friends may call at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel on Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

INGLEWOOD, CALIF.**Merlin J. Eldredge**

Merlin J. Eldredge, 78, passed away Wednesday, May 3, 2000, in Inglewood, California, of Cardiac arrest following pneumonia. Mac was born October 25, 1921, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to Worthington C. and Margaret McGrail Eldredge. He attended school in Carey, graduating from High School in 1941. During World War II, Mac served in the Navy. In 1946, Mac married Marion Mae First Class on a Destroyer Escort in the United States Pacific Fleet. It was cited for courage, determination, leadership, and complete devotion to duty in saving many lives. Following his discharge from the Service, Mac settled in California and married his devoted wife, Wilma Bradburn. Mac worked for the City of Manhattan, California, for many years. Mac and Wilma enjoyed returning to Carey each year with family and friends. He loved fishing in Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Earl; and wife, Elsie.

Mac is survived by his wife, Wilma; stepdaughter, Connie Walker; stepgranddaughter, April Stanford; and step-great-granddaughter, Terra Stanford; a sister, Irene Barton; and two brothers, Lou and Louis Eldredge.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at the Carey Cemetery. Viewing will be held at Denmaray's Southern Chapel, 404 West B, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on Wednesday.

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Methodists ponder proposal to rebaptize Mormon converts

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — At their annual convention this week in Cleveland, United Methodists will consider a resolution requiring Mormons who convert to Methodism to be rebaptized.

The General Board of Discipleship of the 9.6-million-member Methodist faith issued a report that portrayed Mormonism as non-Christian. "United Methodism should declare that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints does not fit within the bounds of the historic apostolic tradition of Christian belief," it said.

The conclusion is based on "the fact that the LDS Church itself, while calling itself Christian, explicitly professes a distinction and separation from the ecumenical community," the report says.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO**Grant could help with writing skills**By Lorriene Cooley
Times-News Staff Writer

RUPERT — Teachers in Minico County School District elementary schools will receive grant (for nearly \$100,000) to increase writing skills and encourage creative writing. The grant will provide writing software and grants for each of the district's five elementary schools, said John Fennell, curriculum director for the district.

Jodie Mills, who teaches part-time at Minico High School and is assistant principal at Heyburn Elementary School, and Colleen Johnson, a part-time Minico teacher and assistant principal at Paul Elementary School, applied for the grant.

Members of the Idaho Council for Technology in Learning evaluated applications based on the quality of the project and their fit in connection to districts technological goals, among other criteria. Consideration was given to rural districts, districts with many poor students and districts with an identified technology need.

Johnson and Mills targeted the language arts program to specifically strengthen the writing program.

Of the four areas, the State Department of Education recommended schools look at writing, reading, math and science — write-

Other recipients

Category	Amount
Elementary schools	\$74,000
High school	\$74,000
Other	\$74,000
Total	\$222,000
Minico total	\$74,000
Minico High School	\$65,000
Heyburn	\$55,000
Paul	\$52,000
Colleen Johnson	\$74,000

ing was the subject district officials thought needed the most attention, Johnson said.

The software programs help students organize writing and make editing choices, Johnson said.

"We are very excited," she said. "It will strengthen our students' critical thinking skills. The variety of writing for many different audiences are included in the program," Johnson said.

Vocabulary, language, capitalization, spelling and grammar skills are included.

Part of the package is an assessment program, enabling the district to test writing skills according to how much a student has learned, or the student's skill level, said Marilane Garner, the district's special services coordi-

nator.

Garner said the software is more efficient than testing with paper and pencil, and it saves money.

Most IP electricity comes from out of state

BOISE (AP) — It is called Idaho Power, but the majority of the company's electricity is actually generated out of state.

And a recent study shows the utility's customers still pay among the lowest rates in the country.

With three coal-fired power plants in Wyoming, Oregon and Nevada and two of its largest hydroelectric projects on the Snake River and the Payette River, 63 percent of the Boise-based company's electricity last year was generated out of state.

Last year, generation from the coal-fired plants — Jim Bridger in Wyoming, Coeur d'Alene in Oregon and Valmy in Nevada — accounted for 7.26 million megawatt-

hours — nearly 41 percent of Idaho Power's total generation.

Idaho Power is one of 31 million MVA's in 1999, about 22 percent of the overall generation.

Idaho Power's Browlee Dam, the largest of the three in Hells Canyon, is located in Idaho and provided nearly 3.1 MWh last year, or 17.2 percent of the integrated system's generation.

A recent study by the Edison Electric Institute shows Idaho Power customers will pay among the lowest rates in the nation.

The study says compared rates for residential, commercial and industrial customers of 150 investor-owned utilities.

It found Idaho Power's combined rates were the lowest in the country.

Between Idaho and Oregon, the company's hydroelectric production was good, the company relied less on its coal plants.

In spite of good hydro conditions, Idaho Power's out-of-state power production still would have exceeded its Idaho-based company's electricity last year.

That is because the company's second and third largest hydroelectric plants — Gabow and Hells Canyon — have their generators located in Oregon although the dams straddle the Snake River.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 18th day of May 2000, at 10:30 a.m. of said day, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Shoshone, Idaho, the United States Marshal will, in obedience to the Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure, sell the following-described real property to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States of America. A personal check in the amount of ten percent of the bid will be accepted at the time of the sale with a cashier's check for the full amount of the bid within 24 hours of the sale. The United States of America, Farm Service Agency's (formerly Farmers Home Administration) bid will be \$186,288 with the market value of \$210,000.

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McDonald Elementary School fourth-grader Omar Bayomy, top, plays chess with Moscow High School sophomore Jared Bartlett Thursday at Moscow High School. Members of the two schools' chess clubs met to eat lunch and play chess.

Cop risks facing contempt charge

NEZPERCE (AP) — A candidate for Lewis County sheriff is being required to prove why he should not be held in contempt of court by Magistrate Stephen Calhoun.

Jack Ritchie, an officer of the Kamiah Marshal's Office, has been asked in a formal document from the court to explain why he failed to appear on time April 17 for the jury trial of Charles Kuhagen.

Kuhagen was arrested and charged by Ritchie Jan. 10 for driving without privileges.



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Students fight school closure, but staff stands fast

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — High Desert Academy is closing, despite pleas from students to keep the experimental program going.

"Our enrollment is so small at High Desert that in a time of cutting it doesn't make sense to have it right now," Idaho Falls School Superintendent Dale Manning said. "We still believe in the concept of High Desert. We just can't afford it right now."

High Desert is for ninth-through 12th-grade students who want a hands-on learning experience. It is not an alternative school. Students are taught the same material as other high school students, but teachers tie such subjects as history, math, English and science together rather than teaching them separately.

The school recently was featured in a video for the J.A. &

Kathryn Albertson Foundation as a model for using technology to teach students.

Anneke Allan and her classmates have appealed to trustees and administrators to keep the school open. They also have launched a media campaign, writing letters and scheduled visits to other schools to let students know about their program.

"We're doing everything we can," Allan said. "We don't want

High Desert to close. We love this school. We want to inform the public about it so they know what it's about and how good it is."

But school officials facing a \$3 million shortfall in the district next year said the decision has been made and the school's six teachers already have been assigned to other jobs.

"It's very unlikely it will be reversed," School Board Chairman Alan Reed said.

High Desert serving the school year, with about 100 students, but it now has only about 60 and fewer than 40 have signed up for fall. There is room for 125, and school officials have promised to revisit the issue next year.

In the meantime, they plan to look into why interest in High Desert waned.

"It's a great program," Reed said. "We're puzzled by why it didn't take off."

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—Scottie Pippen, who leads Portland against the aging but potent Utah Jazz today

IN BRIEF

Currall, Wakalkar team All-BWC honors

MOSCOW — Idaho's top dueling team, Darin Currall and Anand Wakalkar, earned first-team All-Big West Conference honors for the second straight year.

They join Leif Meineke and Weale Moodie as the only repeat members of the squad. Currall, from Sydney, Australia, and Wakalkar, from Pune, India, were ranked nationally throughout the season and reached a school-best top 10 ranking this year.

The Idaho men's and women's teams completed their respective seasons last week at the Big West Conference Championships in Ojai, Calif. Each team dropped its opening-round decision.

Schedule of softball tournaments set

NAMPA — The Nampa Parks and Recreation Department has announced its summer schedule of softball tournaments.

A one-day softball tournament will be held May 13 at the West Park complex. It is open to women's, men's and coed D division teams. The entry fee is \$39. For more information, contact Pete Want at (208) 467-5886.

The 13th annual City of Nampa softball tournament will be held June 5. It is open to all women's and men's D & D divisions. The entry fee is \$110 and all teams are guaranteed three games. For more information, contact the Nampa Parks and Rec Department at (208) 465-2215.

The Junior Olympic fastpitch softball tournament is scheduled for June 3-4. The tournament is for 10 & under and 12 & under girls' divisions. The entry fee is \$175. For more information, contact Nampa Parks and Rec at (208) 465-2215.

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Minidoka County schools plan free physicals

RUPERT — Free physicals will be offered for any student in

grades 7-12 who plans on participating in athletics next year in Minidoka County.

Boys' physicals are scheduled for May 9 while the girls' will be held on May 10. The physicals will be conducted at the Minidoka Occupational Health Center, 224 8th Street Suite 13, from 6-8 p.m. Athletes must bring their own physical form which can be picked up from coaches or athletic directors.

Idaho Youth Ranch golf scramble scheduled

BURLEY — The 19th Annual Idaho Youth Ranch Benefit Golf Tournament will be May 29 at Burley Municipal Golf Course.

Four or five-person teams can compete in the scramble format. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. with play beginning at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$70 per player and includes a barbecue lunch. Joe Malsy will offer a long-drive exhibition during the event. For more information, or to register for the tournament, call Mary or Rich at (208) 377-2613.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Defending Modifieds champ reclaims that winning feeling

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It took four weeks and the arrival of his rebuilt powerplant for defending Mountain Dew Modified champion Bruce Quale to return to Victory Lane.

Quale cruised to his first win of the season in front of hard-charging power leader Steve Jones Saturday night, with Caldwell's Chris Ratteree taking third.

"That was quite a race. Steve's really fast," Quale said. "He got through the traffic like crazy. I was out in the lead, and it looked like a red car pulling up and I said, 'Oh, oh, it's going to be close.'"

It wasn't close early after

Quale took hold of the lead from Kyle Warluff on lap 5 following a pair of restarts. From there, he raced out to as much as a five-second lead at the 25-lap mark over the pack of Jones, Ratteree and John Newhouse.

With Quale way ahead, it looked as if the last year's champion would pull off a repeat of the win. But Harold Wartlaff's turn 4 spinout on lap 27 necessitated a restart of the race with the event's third yellow flag.

"The caution came out, and I thought, 'They'll do it,'" Quale said.

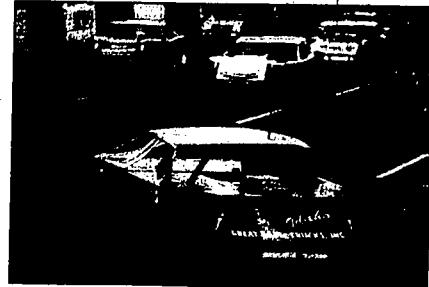
When racing resumed, Quale and Jones engaged in a classic cat-and-mouse chase with Quale's

black No. 92 racer edging Jones by a car-and-a-half length lead through four laps.

The race came to another brief halt when Newhouse and Brett Thompson bumped each other, resulting in a spinout and the race's fourth caution. But it was quickly resolved and Quale and Jones resumed their bumper-to-bumper dogfight.

With 10 laps to go in the 50-lap race, Quale held the line over Jones as the two leaders jockeyed for position with Jones going low then up high in his attempts to pass Quale.

But the jet-black racer was just too good this night, as Quale pushed the margin to two full car



ANDY ANDRE/The Times-News
Harold Wartlaff breaks from the pack to win his modified heat Saturday at the Magic Valley Speedway.

lengths en route to the win.

"It was all right," Quale said. "I could stay low and he didn't have a whole lot for me on the outside, and I wasn't going to let him have

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Week 4 becomes damage control at Magic Valley Speedway

By Kevin Hall
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Very unpring-like conditions greeted Magic Valley race fans Saturday evening as a steady chill swept through Idaho's only NASCAR Weekend racing series speedway.

And it was during the course of three hours, that year's four regular classes of racers returned to action with the Modifieds, Grand National Sportman, Pony and Thunder stocks battling for the checkered flag.

Audet rolls to Pony win

In just his second weekend back at the track, Twin Falls' Todd Audet drove his yellow Ford Pinto into Victory Lane with wire-to-wire, runaway win Saturday night at the Magic Valley Speedway.

Audet was never challenged, bolting out to the front off the start and steadily increasing his lead over the pack of Ed Keyes,

Mike Prara, Gené Goodfellow and David Caldwell Jr.

At one point, Audet held a double-digit-lap lead over the runners-up.

"This is only my second time out here because my car was broken," Audet said. "Without Mike giving me a car, and my sponsor helping out, I wouldn't be here."

Keyes had enough left in his Ford to hold off the Chevy of Caldwell Jr. and Prara across the finish line for second place.

Chappell becomes season's first repeat winner

Hagerman's Kelly Chappell became the season's first repeat winner Saturday night in his red 1976 No. 7 Olds Cutlass.

Chappell, Week 1's winner, had first survive a five-lap sprint to the finish on an earlier spinout on lap 30, then had to deal with not only one, but two lap 31 restarts. The first came via Thomas Powell going airborne out of turn 4 on the initial restart and Brian

Welch's wall-banging antics on the second try.

Through it all, Chappell persevered, grabbing good rubber each time the green flag flew and immediately jumping out to almost as large a lead as he'd held throughout the race.

Last week's victim, Dan Doan, claimed second, while defending class champion Dale Miles taking third.

"Those last couple of cautions I was worried that the tires were warming up because it started getting loose," Chappell said. "But if held together, we're getting better each week and it ran well."

Only one lap was lagged before a six-lap spinout coming out of turn 1 brought the night's first yellow caution flag. It began with Charlie Ham spinning around sending the cars of Don Van Scholach, Destry Bowden and Miles into the infield with Ham and Brian Welch eventually coming astride one another in the remainder of the race.

When racing resumed,

Michelle Meads continued her hold on the lead as Randy Price, Chappell and Troy Carters moved up behind her. They completed six laps before the oft-outballed No. 69 of Willis Dalton spun out alone all in turn 4.

Chappell took over the lead from Meads along the outside of turn 1, lap 15, and immediately bolted out to a sizable three-second lead over the trailing pack of Meads, Powell and Doan. Trouble hit the pack on lap 15, when Meads banged doors with Powell, pulling both back behind Doan and Miles.

Through lap 20, Chappell increased his margin of victory and over Doan and Powell.

It was clearly the 1998 class champion's race to lose at the 28-lap mark as the Olds Cutlass cruised to a full-quarter lead, holding strong through the remainder of the race.

Van Holland leads Thunder Stocks

Ray Van Holland became the

newest Dairy Queen Thunder stock champion outdueling 19 other cars Saturday night to close out the first month of racing at Magic Valley Speedway.

Pit stops

Jerry Jackson set a NAPA Pony stocks qualifying record with an 18.45 lap. The mark broke Curt Campbell's 1996 record time of 18.479.

Michelle Meads won her first heat race of the season in the Grand National Sportman B heat.

Improvements are progressing each week at the speedway. Saturday showed the first signs of a future Victory Lane in the middle of the oval's infield.

Already, new concrete pads have been poured in pits and the facility's entrance has been paved with asphalt.

Jerome's Ben Thompson was back at the track after putting his Modified into the wall last weekend in Salt Lake City.

Chappell was recently fea-

tured in the April issue of NASCAR magazine.

Results

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Jazz, Blazers ready to rumble



Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone (32) goes up against Seattle SuperSonics Hersey Grant in the first half Friday in Salt Lake City. The Jazz beat the Sonics 96-83.

Suns get what they expected

PHOENIX (AP) — Finally, the Phoenix Suns know who they'll face in the Western Conference semifinals, and it was the team they expected to play all along — the Los Angeles Lakers.

Most of the Suns were at Bank One Ballpark on Friday night, watching Randy Johnson pitch for the Arizona Diamondbacks. The Lakers-Sacramento game was being shown on a television set in a room near the Diamondbacks' clubhouse, but it was apparent early who would win.

The Suns planned a workout before leaving today for Los Angeles and today's Game 1 of the best-of-seven series.

The Lakers swept four games from the Suns in the regular season. The closest Phoenix came to winning was an 84-83 home loss on April 4. The Suns, who haven't played since wrapping up their series with San Antonio on Tuesday night, know they will be big underdogs.

But in this injury-filled season, the Phoenix lineup that faced the Lakers were the same. For example, only once did Phoenix play the Lakers with Penny Hardaway and Jason Kidd both in the lineup. That was back on Nov. 15.

Kidd, sidelined for six weeks with a broken ankle before returning to play Tuesday, said the opportunity to practice on Thursday and Friday was important for him, even though the Suns didn't know if they'd be facing the Lakers or Sacramento.

"I'm trying to work back into the swing of things. That's the way I'm looking at it," Kidd said.

It will be a playoff reunion for Hardaway and Shaquille O'Neal, who led Orlando to the 1995 NBA Finals. Hardaway said O'Neal is a far better player than he was then.

"It's unbelievable what he's doing right now compared to where he was a while ago," Hardaway said. "And that's a



Shaquille O'Neal (32) goes up for a basket as Sacramento Kings center Kiki Vanoss attempts to defend during the second half of game 1 of the Western Conference quarterfinals April 24, in Los Angeles. The Lakers won the game 117-107. O'Neal had 46 points, tying his all playoff record.

credit to him. That's how much better he wanted to get and that's how much better he got. He's awesome now. Everything he has in his arsenal is potent. He's unbelievable."

"Defensively, he's gone to another level. That was the biggest knock on him when he was Orlando, and he didn't want to play defense. He just wanted to be an offensive play-

er. He's come around."

Skiles said that it hasn't hurt the Suns to be practicing not knowing which of the two teams they would face.

"You can do some preparations for both teams," Skiles said. "They may not run the same offense, but there are a few similarities. We can sort of work on our defensive stuff both ways."



BLAZERS

out," Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said. "John and Karl and Jeff have been around for so long, everybody starts to talk about what's going to happen and its impact. I know it's chipping at them, but they do such a great job of staying ready every year and preparing themselves mentally that they always get better."

"Youthfulness is not an advantage for anybody," Pippen added. "You saw what happened to Seattle."

Fighting off the Sonics came with a price for Utah. While the Blazers had

four days off since eliminating Minnesota, the Jazz had only about 40 hours to recover from Friday night's win.

"There are no cards you're dealt," Stockton said. "We didn't finish it in three or four, so this is where we're at. No use feeling sorry for ourselves or starting to feel tired. We have a tough game to play Sunday so we'll get ready."

One aspect that lingers from last year is the dislike between the teams. Last year Malone and Portland's Brian Grant tangled, with Malone getting fined \$10,000 for hitting Grant in Game 1. Malone nailed Grant again in Game 5, opening a cut over his right eye that needed six stitches to close.

"Definitely, there's a history with these two teams," Blazers guard Damon Stoudamire said. "It's going to be an intense series. You've got competitive players on both sides."

The animosity spilled into this season. Rough play, confrontations and ejections —

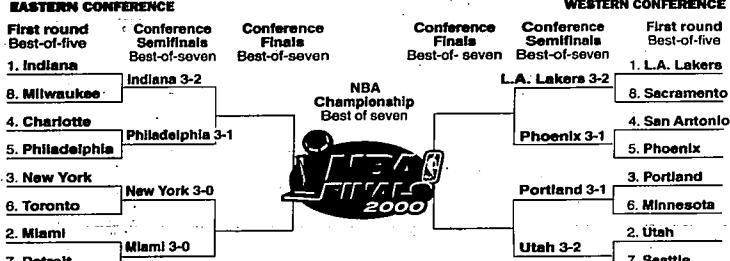
two against Jazz coach Jerry Sloan — characterized the four games between the teams, three of which the Blazers won. Stockton, Utah center Greg Ostertag were each fined for a tussle Feb. 27, when Smith grabbed Ostertag around the face and neck after they exchanged words.

"I don't carry anything over," Smith said. "That was in the heat of the game."

Malone has been sensational in the playoffs, upping his scoring average from 25.5 in the regular season to 30.6. He scored 50 in Game 1 and shot 59 percent in the five games, and says he's going to be just as effective — and selective — against Portland.

"What I want to do going into this series is be patient," he said. "If I haven't scored in the first five minutes of the game, I don't want to start taking quick shots. I've seen that route I've taken in the first round. I'm going to take those same shots in the second round if they're there."

Road to the NBA Finals



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HEAT VS. KNICKS

Hardaway says he'll play today

MIAMI (AP) — With a sweaty, satisfied smile, Tim Hardaway leaned against the bleachers after practice Friday and gave Miami Heat fans reason to cheer.

"I will be playing on Sunday," Hardaway said, "and it feels good."

Thanks to rapid improvement this week in his sprained left foot, Hardaway said he expects to play 30 to 40 minutes in Game 1 of the Heat's playoff series against the New York Knicks.

Miami coach Pat Riley hollered in when Hardaway will start. "He's looking better every day," Riley said.

"Tim is working hard to get back. It's a shame he's not at 100 percent, but every day he's gaining," Hardaway, who sat out the Heat's first-round sweep of Detroit, was pessimistic early in the week that he would be ready for Game 1 against the Knicks. But he was more encouraged after playing 22 minutes and looking good in scrimmage Thursday night.

"He had 37 points," Riley joked. "Nah, I had about 45," Hardaway said.

The veteran point guard passed another test in practice Friday, taking part in grueling defensive drills.

"From 1 to 10, I'm about a 7.5 or an 8," Hardaway said. "There's some pain on certain things I do, but I feel comfortable about playing with that type



Miami Heat coach Pat Riley calls out plays during practice Friday at La Salle High School in Miami. The Heat take on the Knicks Sunday in Miami in the second-round of the NBA playoffs.

of pain."

Said teammate Bruce Bowen: "You'd have to kill him for him not to play."

The Knicks expected all along that Hardaway would return for the series. Some of his most memorable performances came against New York, most recently on April 9, when he sank a desperation game-winning three-pointer at the final buzzer.

Hardaway hurt his foot the next day and has played only

eight minutes since.

"Tim's a warrior," Knicks guard Chris Childs said. "If he's on crutches, he'll be out there."

Hardaway has practiced less than a few weeks ago, but he had extra time to heal thanks to a playoff schedule that stretched the opening round over two full weeks. Now he'll benefit from the plodding pace preferred by the Knicks, which should be less stressful on his foot.

"In the halfcourt game, he's very effective," Riley said.

SPORTS



John Aubrey of Butler, Pa., catches a few winks between the fourth and fifth overtime periods of Stanley Cup Playoff action between the Philadelphia Flyers and the Pittsburgh Penguins early Friday in Pittsburgh. The Flyers won in the fifth overtime period 2-1.

Do Flyers, Pens have much left for Game 5?

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Philadelphia Flyers and Pittsburgh Penguins could have played all night, and they nearly did.

Now, after playing the third-longest game in NHL history, both teams must try to regain the game legs they lost in the Flyers' 2-1 victory Thursday, and refocus their attention on a series that's still over.

Even if it means another overtime, after playing five overtimes and a total of 152 minutes and 1 second in Game 4, that there couldn't possibly be any hockey left to play.

"In the last overtime, you'd had enough. You wanted it to be over," Flyers goaltender Brian Boucher said.

Not yet. Despite beating the Penguins twice in overtime in a three-game set in Pittsburgh, the Flyers still must beat them twice more to win the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Game 5 is today in Philadelphia, where Pittsburgh won the first two games. After four games, two in each city, the road team has won every game in a rivalry where the home team traditionally has dominated.

"This game is going to be a big one; it's the series, that's what it is," Boucher said. "We have home ice and now we have to take advantage of it and keep

the momentum going."

Even the Flyers wonder if the Penguins have anything left after exhausting themselves in the NHL's longest game in 64 years, only to come away with nothing but a footnote in the record books.

"Your recovery time is faster if you win the game," said Penguins star Jaromir Jagr, who felt ill before the game and didn't score despite playing nearly 60 minutes.

Jagr had five goals in the first three games and four in the previous two, but rarely had any good scoring chances in Game 4. He also lacked the jump in his legs that makes him the NHL's most difficult-to-defend offensive player.

Lossing in the playoffs is bad enough, but losing this way, at least to a player's confidence and pride, can be much, much worse. The Penguins know from experience.

In 1996, they lost the first two games at home to Washington, but rebounded to even the series by winning a four-overtime game on the road. The Capitals never recovered, losing the final four games.

"This time, we've just got to find our way to win," Penguins forward Tony Wright said. "I don't care if it takes three hours or eight hours, we have to find a way to win."



Leads defender and passing to Malakhov. With Toronto's Kevyn Adams trying to stop him, from behind, Malakhov snapped a 20-footer that beat Curtis Joseph.

After coach Larry Robinson threatened to sit Gomez for his poor play before Game 2, he has two goals and five points in his last three games.

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second period of the Eastern Conference semifinals Saturday.

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NCAA championship game just last month.

After Valk and Elias traded first-period goals, the Leafs went ahead on Farkas' goal 2:19 into the second period.

The Devils tied it when Gomez beat defenseman Greg Amdrusuk to the puck and set up Nemchinov for a breakaway goal.

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had crossed the goal line. The entire puck has to cross the goal line for it to count as a goal.

The Maple Leafs' power play continued to struggle, finishing 0-for-2 for the game.

The Leafs have yet to score a power-play goal against the Devils, and have gone eight straight games — going back to Toronto's first-round series against Ottawa — without scoring. Toronto's power play has gone 2-for-13 in the playoffs, second-worst only to the Los Angeles Kings, who went 0-for-23 in being swept by Detroit in the first round.

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were in play.

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Eilenkoff, Tracey's stepmom. "I think Fred really misses that."

After months of quietly coping with the death, Fred and Angela decided to do something. They started the Tracey Eilenkoff Foundation to support community programs that treat substance abuse and domestic violence.

"We're doing something that we feel that's beneficial," Eilenkoff said. "Something happened in our lives that can happen to anybody."

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SPORTS

UNDERWOOD'S ODYSSEY

No news is good news for Cowboys and erratic defensive end

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Stranded across a navy blue sofa, Dimitrius Underwood could have a smile in the weather.

He's not a player in the middle of the Dallas Cowboys locker room. A morning practice is done and now it's the lunch hour. A nap is his favorite way to prepare for the upcoming defensive meeting and second practice of the day.

The serene scene doesn't add up to fit. All the public really knows about this 23-year-old lineman is that he didn't make it with two NFL teams and once signed his own contract with steak houses.

Yet, here he is, three days into his first mini-camp with his third team and ... nothing.

He participated in every drill of every session. He was the left defensive end on the team for two days and then joined the second team when an injured starter returned.

"No news is definitely good news for Underwood. It's a sign he might finally be headed in the right direction."

"Things are going good, man, going good," Underwood said as he sat on the floor of the locker room. "I'm not talking about all he's been through and why things might be different this time?"

"Nah," he said, slipping on the other shoe. "I just want to talk about football."

There isn't much football to



Dallas Cowboy defensive end Dimitrius Underwood works out during minicamp at April 25.

Instead, he began practicing on a Tuesday and was thrown into an exhibition game that Friday. In the third quarter, he dislocated his left shoulder.

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talk about, thought Underwood hasn't played in a game that counted since 1997, his junior year at Spartan.

As a junior, he forced him to miss his senior season, but had shown enough that the Minnesota Vikings took him 29th overall in last year's draft. Then they gave him a \$5.3 million, five-year contract and a \$1.75 million bonus.

Underwood bolted from training camp the next day, telling no one he had heard from for several days.

When he resurfaced, he said his heart wasn't into football; he'd rather do ministry work. So the Vikings tore up his contract, got the bonus back and released him.

Underwood changed his mind again when the Miami Dolphins called.

He signed for \$395,000 and no bonus and was offered the chance to sit out all season.

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health center only to flee hours later. The Dolphins gave up on him the next week.

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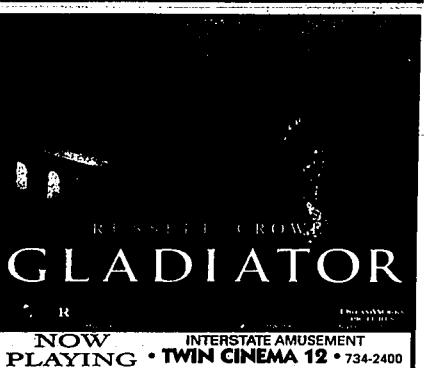
Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Underwood's agents called him because they were impressed by the team's player counseling program. Last season, the in-house unit overseen by Calvin Hill helped Alonso Spellman revive his career after

personal problems derailed it.

Spellman went through 1.5 years of erratic behavior that cost him his job with the Chicago Bears and nearly his career. The Cowboys gave him a chance, but only a guaranteed veteran minimum and no guarantee.

Things clicked. Spellman became an anchor on the defensive line and a source of inspiration in the locker room, earning a huge raise this summer.

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NATION

Ho-hum

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The sun, the moon and five of the planets matched right up in perfect formation, just as the doomsday prophets had said they would. But the world didn't end.

Indeed, nobody appeared to pay much attention to Friday's rare phenomenon, probably because almost nobody could see what was happening at 1:00 a.m.

The tightest alignment in 38 years of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and the moon took place on the back side of the sun, whose glare blocked it from view from Earth. "The planets would be a bunch of little fireflies in the midst of a searchlight," Jane Platt, a spokeswoman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, said of

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trying to see it.

Planetary alignments, which occur when three or more celestial objects move into position so that a straight line could be drawn through their centers, occur about every 20 years. As a result, Friday's event wasn't really a big deal for professional stargazers.

"It's just another day," Platt said.

FANCY DANCERS



Wearing a big grin and colorful skirt, Shantel Hernandez, 5, practices a traditional Mexican dance with Maria Mendoza, 6, Thursday at Whittier Elementary School in Pasco, Wash. They were preparing for weekend Cinco de Mayo festivities.

The longest shot

Devotees of Lady Luck purchased tickets in seven states for Friday's Big Game drawing. The chance of winning the \$230 million jackpot is one in more than 76 million. Professor Mike Orkin, author of "What are the Odds? Chance in Every Day Life," put some perspective on the probability of coming up a winner.

Buying 50 tickets per week, you would win about once every 30,000 years.

If Big Game players filled 1,200 stadiums the size of Chicago's Soldier Field, only one would be holding a winning ticket.

If you need to drive a mile to buy a ticket, your driving distance to obtain a winner would equal about 160 round trips to the moon.

To eliminate the odds, one could play all 76,275,360 number combinations. Starting at three combinations per minute, 24 hours a day, it would take 50 years to just write them down.

Jackpot winners have some options.

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After taxes \$5.84 million* *Based on 28 percent federal and 6 percent Georgia state tax.

Sources: Georgia Lottery Corp.; Prof. Mike Orkin

Eastern lottery players get another chance at big pot

ATLANTA (AP) — The millions of lottery players who lined up at convenience stores, drove across state lines and joined offices to buy a shot at instant riches in the \$230 million Big Game jackpot will have yet another chance to do it all again.

No ticket matched all five numbers plus the Big Money Ball in Friday's drawing, so the sum grew to a record \$300 million for the next drawing on May 9.

"It's the largest jackpot in U.S. history," said Parquise Nassau, spokeswoman for the Georgia Lottery.

The numbers drawn Friday were: 6-8-16-30-32 and Big Money Ball 26. The odds of getting all six winning numbers were one in more than 76 million.

Forty-three second-prize winners did win \$150,000. Three hundred fifty-five players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Big Money Ball number. Those tickets are each worth \$5,000.

The seven-state Big Game is played in Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey and Virginia. The jackpot swelled from \$5 million to \$230 million Friday after going eight weeks without a winner.

Previously, the largest jackpot in U.S. history was \$295.7 million. It was won in 1997 by a group of 13 machine owners from Westerville, Ohio, in the Powerball drawing, another multi-state game.

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Planetary alignment arrives with a big yawn

Not to doomsayers, though, who predicted everything from a stock market crash to huge tidal waves.

Richard Noone's book, "5/5/2000: Ice, The Ultimate Disaster," suggested that gravitational pull from the alignment, coupled with increased solar activity, would trigger a chain of events causing Earth's crust to slide and its poles to shift.

Monstrous earthquakes and tidal waves hundreds of feet high could result, he wrote.

Noone, who lives in the seismically safe and tidal wave-protected mountain town near Blue Ridge, Ga., said Friday that he would be "extremely happy" if his predictions were wrong, but that he

didn't think they would be. "I think these disasters will happen," he said. "I feel that the probability is fairly high."

The moon began moving out of alignment within hours, but the planetary grouping will hold until about May 18, and Noone said Earth is at risk until then.

John Gribble, an astronomer at Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, scoffed at such predictions.

The gravity of the sun and moon have a far greater effect on Earth than the pull of planets, he said. Even at their closest possible approach, an alignment of the planets would add only three-thousandths of an inch to a 6-foot tide. "That's the thickness of a wet sheet of tissue," he said.

Game draws concern

Sex-crazed aliens seek sexy photos

NEW YORK (AP) — A video game in which sex-obsessed aliens seek photographs of lingerie-clad models has become a target of outrage and ridicule even before its release on the market.

"Panty Raider: From Here To Immaturity" has provoked some activists to threaten a boycott of publisher Simon & Schuster, whose interactive unit will release the game at the end of May. "Panty Raider" also has inspired a Web contest to devise the best anti-video game ever.

Despite the vehemence of protests, Simon & Schuster Interactive spokesman Peter Binszki said the game will be marketed on schedule.

"It's humor," he said. "Some people will love it, some people will not love it. Comedy is a very gray area."

He noted that "Panty Raiders" had received an "M" rating, ostensibly limiting it to purchasers 17 and older.

The game may offend some people, a company statement said. "The over-the-top nature of its humor is a clear indicator that it is not meant to be taken seriously."

On some Internet sites devoted to reviews of new video games, critics initially thought the official press release about "Panty Raiders" was a joke. The game is described as follows:

"One day on a planet far, far away, a starship from a famous lineage of starships landed and showed up in the mailbox at our hero alien's home. Some time later, he and his two buddies had worn out the catalog and they needed more! So they hijacked a flying saucer for a joy ride across the universe in search of supermodels in their underwear."

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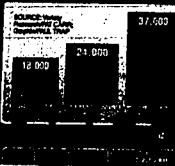
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BEFACTS

The movie scene



BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Travel Council seeks grant applications

BOISE - Idaho Travel Council grant applications for 2000 are available through the Idaho Department of Commerce's Web site.

This year's applications must be postmarked by June 5. Presentations to the Idaho Travel Council are scheduled for July 25

in Boise, and grant awards will be announced the following day.

Last year, the Idaho Travel Council awarded \$2.1 million in Idaho Regional Travel and Convention Grant funds to 40 regional travel committees, chambers of commerce and other non-profit organizations.

Initial requests exceeded \$2.8 million.

ITC grants are used for print and television advertising regional brochures, travel shows, direct sales campaigns, industry research and toll-free visitor information phone lines.

Twin Falls chamber to present business fair

TWIN FALLS - For the second time in 2000, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will present a business-to-business Business After Hours Trade Fair, and for the second time in the past year, it will be held at Jodlin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport.

The chamber said both events - one held in Jerome in March and one at the airport in October - were successful. Another such opportunity will not be offered until 2001.

The event is set for 5 to 7:30 p.m. June 22. Businesses who would like to see their products and services exposed to hundreds of locals may sign up now for one of 50 available spaces, the chamber said. Cost is \$95, which gives the business a tabletop or an 8-foot space to set up its own display.

For more information or to register, call the chamber at 733-3974 or send e-mail to info@twinfallschamber.com.

CSI classes will focus on customer service

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is offering classes to help meet today's changing business needs.

"Improving Customer Service" will define customer service, the prerequisites and the role of management. It also will define success through specific techniques for improving communication and listening to the customer. Students will learn how to deal with angry or unhappy customers and sidestep common blunders, promote teamwork, resolve employee conflicts and strive toward continuous customer service improvement, the college said.

The class will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. June 6 and 13 in Building 104 at CSI.

The instructor is Bill Campbell. Cost is \$45.

For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

Coupled from staff reports.

TF city's own sewer project explodes numbers for construction

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The city's own sewer plant project has saved Twin Falls from being dead in construction activity last month and helped the city more than double April 1999 building values instead.

Despite rising interest rates and a decline in new-home building, Twin Falls' construction in April jumped 112 percent above year-earlier totals. The city recently issued building permits for \$2.7 million - that's \$2.2 million more than in April 1999 - for combined construction types.

That jump put year-to-date 2000 about \$3.9 million ahead of 1999 for combined types. The residential side, however, didn't do its part last month.

April's number of permits for new single-family homes in the first four months was 23 in April 1999. And the homes' average value fell 6 percent to \$91,913 from the \$98,059 of a year earlier. The April average, however, beat the \$88,807 of March and the \$83,975 of February.

Nobody got permits for new apartments last month.

But the commercial side boomed, with changes in health-care, automotive, industrial and public-facility sectors.

Soaring strategy

Twin Falls' overhaul of the city's sewer plant in the Snake River Canyon boosted the April construction activity to several million dollars. City Engineer Gary Young said the project has these eight components:

To increase flow capacity, the city is adding some piping from the headworks - where sewage enters the plant - to the primary "clarifiers," which are settling basins where gravity does some of the separation work.

The plant will add some chemical treatment capabilities at the headworks, which operators would use as needed to improve the settling process.

The city is adding a fourth sedimentation basin - part of the plant's secondary treatment system where an active biomass of microscopic organisms is maintained in the water to use up dissolved nutrients.

In the sedimentation basin, air bubbles through the water to keep the biomass "alive, happy, growing, dividing," Young said. "A lot of the work that's done down there is to keep the bugs happy, so they'll eat the pollutants out of the water."

The plant will increase air-compressor horsepower to feed air to that fourth basin.

Workers will add a third secondary clarifier, or settling basin, for removing remaining

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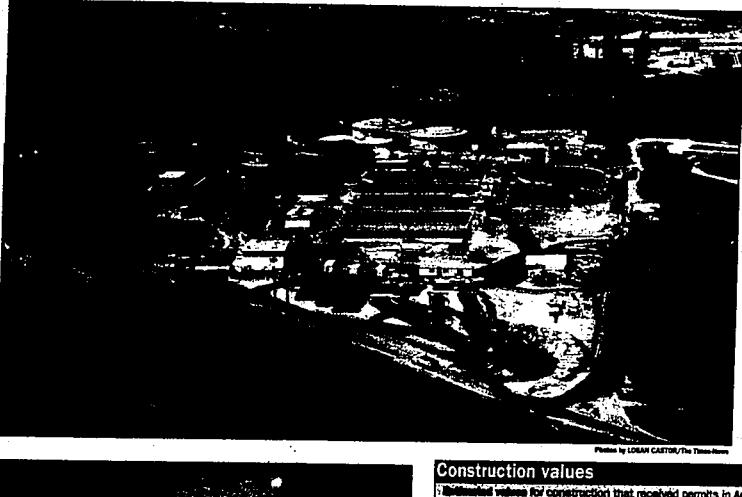
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This view from the Snake River Canyon rim shows the expanding sewer treatment plant for the city of Twin Falls. To the right is Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Photos by LORAH CASTOR/The Times-News

Construction values

Estimated values for construction that received permits in April from Twin Falls city:

	April '00	April '99
New single-family homes:	\$1,562,515	\$2,255,362
New multifamily units:	0	\$98,640
New commercial projects:	\$3,848,453	0
Commercial alterations/additions:	\$471,170	\$118,500
Total (including such things as mobile homes, residential alterations and additions and signs):	\$6,045,231	\$2,852,433

Source: City building department.

Workers are building a fourth sedimentation basin at Twin Falls' city sewer treatment plant.

pollutants that have been converted to bug bodies. The microorganisms settle out of wastewater flowing through.

A new "wavy belt thickener" system will separate the water from that wasted biomass. It's a brand-new process "and a great big building," he said.

Sludge will be put onto fabric belts, which let the water drain away. Then the thickened biomass will be pumped over to anaerobic digesters.

An additional engine generator will increase standby electrical power for emergencies.

"And that's not all," Young said.

Finally, the city is expanding the administration and laboratory building at the sewer plant. The plant ran out of lab space because of additional data tracking for regulatory purposes and operational monitoring, he said.

City officials expect the whole project to cost \$6.4 million or more, including underground piping and mechanical equipment, Young said.

Six building permits issued in April show a total \$4.15 million value, but that doesn't represent the whole price tag because

many parts of the project don't need building permits.

Medical modifications

By summer, expect to see three changes at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center on Addison Avenue West.

The hospital is adding 200 square feet to its histology laboratory to move the lab to a larger location inside the hospital, said Marc Harrison, director of facilities support. The lab is accredited, but the accreditation report said that portion of the hospital's lab needed more space, he added.

Workers in the histology lab prepare slides, tissues and materials for pathologists - physicians looking for disease - to examine under a microscope.

Secondly, Harrison said, Magic Valley Regional will install a second nuclear medicine camera, an internal medicine tool that produces a diagnostic scan of any part of the body to check organ function, for example.

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The new one can collect a picture of an internal organ from two different angles, cutting the exam time almost in half. It's also advantageous for bone and cardiac scans, for cancer and heart disease. And with the additional camera, Magic Valley Regional will improve access to nuclear medicine for more patients and referring physicians.

In a third undertaking, Magic Valley Regional is moving its chapel to be adjacent to the surgical waiting area. Hopefully, Harrison said, more patients' waiting families will be able to use the chapel, which the hospital aims to make a nice place for spending contemplative time.

The chapel has a seating area with a pulpit and scriptures in the front, and a stained-glass window which will make the move with the chapel.

A building permit for all three projects lists a \$43,300 value. But Harrison expects the combined work to cost \$48,000 to \$50,000, not including equipment such as the new camera. Workers should complete all three projects by mid-June, he said.

Swifter service

Twin Falls' authorized independent dealer for Harley-Davidson motorcycles just marked its first anniversary on May Day.

But it has outgrown its shop already and has a waiting list of would-be buyers.

So Snake Harley-Davidson is adding 2,400 square feet to its shop and service area, where it works on motors and on motorcycle accessories such as seats, pipes, handlebars, chrome and saddlebags, manager T.J. Woodhall said.

The addition at 2404 Addison Ave. is a \$67,738 project to help Snake Harley-Davidson get rid of bikes it can't sell and shop more quickly. Woodhall expects the shop addition to be finished by the middle of June.

The business also hired two more Harley-Davidson-certified mechanics in the past three weeks, doubling its staff of mechanics, he said.

Later this summer, the business will expand its showroom, as well. Woodhall said, the only dealers in the Magic Valley buying straight from the Harley-Davidson factory, and buyers must linger on a waiting list before they get their hands on a new motorcycle.

"Right now you're about a year out on bikes" - even longer on particularly popular models, he said.

But for years before the business opened in May 1999, people had to go out of the area to buy Harleys, Woodhall added.

Snake Harley-Davidson will Please see CONSTRUCTION, Page D2

Free guide outlines state's products, services

The Times-News

BOISE - "A Guide for Doing Business in Idaho," a directory of Idaho products and services, is available free.

The new Buy Idaho Directory 2000 lists membership both geographically and classified by type. There are some 900 entries from across Idaho's business and service communities.

Buy Idaho is a nonprofit Idaho corporation funded by membership dues.

It promotes goods and services made in Idaho.

For a directory or information, stop in at the Buy Idaho office, 404 S. Eighth St., Suite B128, in Boise, or call 343-2582. Directories are or soon will be at most of chamber of commerce offices throughout Idaho.

Here's how a few companies with Magic Valley locations, or other local ties, fared in the stock market during the past week.

Symbol	Description	Price	Close Previous Thursday	Weekly Change	52-week High-Low	Annual Yield
ABCB	ALBERTSON'S	52 3/4	52 1/2	-1/2	58 1/2-52 1/2	2.3%
AMCA	AMERISTAR	4 1/2	4	-1/2	4 1/2-4	3.04%
AMCI	AMERICAN	20 0/10	18 7/8	-1 1/2	20 1/10-15 1/10	3.04%
AMCO	AMCO	10 1/10	8 1/2	-1 1/2	10 1/10-8 1/2	3.04%
CDT	CDT	16 1/10	16 1/2	1/2	17 1/10-15 1/10	3.04%
FD	FEDERATED	36 1/10	34	-2 1/2	37 1/10-31 5/10	3.04%
H&H	H&H SECURITY	13 1/20	14 1/8	-1/2	13 1/20-10 3/4	4.00%
HDI	HARLEY-DAVIDSON	41 1/2	38 12/18	-2 1/2	41 1/2-38 12/18	3.91%
IDACO	IDACO DEPOT	23 1/10	23 1/10	0	23 1/10-22 1/2	3.91%
IDIA	IDIA	10 1/10	10 1/10	0	10 1/10-9 1/10	3.90%
JCP	J.C. PENNEY	17 3/16	13 15/16	-3 3/8	17 3/16-12 7/8	3.85%
KI	KI	5 1/10	5 1/10	0	5 1/10-4 7/8	3.85%
KM	KMART	7 1/16	8 1/8	-1/2	8 1/8-7 5/8	3.81%
LAW	LAWSON READY	9 16/16	10 1/10	-1/2	10 1/10-9 1/10	3.81%
LFB	LONGVIEW FIBER	13 5/16	12 3/4	-1/2	12 3/4-11 1/10	3.81%
MU	MICRON TECH	32 11/16	32 7/8	-2 7/16	32 11/16-30 15/16	0.83%
ONEX	OPPROBRIUM	8 6/16	8 5/8	-1/8	8 5/8-7 1/8	0.83%
PAAD	PITE ADD.	40 19/16	40 19/16	0	40 19/16-32 3/4	0.80%
SEARS	SEARS	37 13/16	36 5/8	-1/2	36 5/8-35 1/8	0.78%
TOT	TARGET	55 1/16	55 1/16	0	55 1/16-54 7/8	2.43%
UMP	UNIVERSITY PACIFIC	42 4/16	43 1/16	-1/2	43 1/16-34 7/8	NA
USW	U.S. WEST	51	50 1/16	-1/2	51-49 1/16	1.88%
WMT	WAL-MART	61 6/16	60 3/8	-1 1/16	60 1/16-56 7/8	4.10%
WPC	WELLS FARGO	17 7/16	17 7/16	0	17 7/16-16 5/8	0.47%
ZION	ZIONS BANKCORP	40 8/16	41 1/16	-1 1/16	41 1/16-37 1/16	0.88%

Compiled by Rob Weaver, investment representative for the Edward Jones office at 1448 Filmore St. in Twin Falls.

YOUR BUSINESS

CAREER MOVES

BURLEY — The Burley Area Merchants Association, which meets at 7:30 a.m. on the last Wednesday of every month at Price's Cafe, has new officers for 2000.

Gary Bartome of Donnelley Sports is president; Steven Thompson of Snake River Plaza is first vice president; Jay Lenkerdorfer of South Idaho Press is second vice president; and Randi Nelson of The Times-News is secretary.

BURLEY — Karry Rathe was promoted to bookkeeping manager at D.L. Evans Bank.

Rathe started her banking career as a teller with D.L. Evans Bank in 1990. She has served as loan adjuster, financial services representative, bookkeeper and, most recently, bookkeeping supervisor. She is an Idaho native and lives in the Burley area with her two children.

TWIN FALLS — Two sales associates with Coldwell Banker Western Realty ranked in the Top 10 for first quarter 2000 in Closed Buyer Controlled Sales in Idaho for the Coldwell Banker Real Estate Corp.

Debra Prece ranked No. 6 out of 368 Coldwell Banker sales associates in the state. She was cited for ranking No. 9 in Los Angeles Revenue Units for the same period.

Nichole Webb ranked No. 7 out of 368 sales associates in the state.

TWIN FALLS — H. Richard Cook is now an associate representing the American Family Life Assurance Co. of Columbus.

Operating as Cook Insurance, the office is at 599 Lynwood Blvd.; phone 733-5941.

To contract as an AFLAC associate, Cook met AFLAC's requirements and has joined more than 15,300 associates nationwide representing AFLAC, which is a leader in guaranteed-renewable supplemental insurance and payroll marketing.

Cook also represents insurance companies that specialize in group health insurance and life insurance.

Cook has been in the property and casualty insurance field for more than 25 years. Past affiliations include Hamilton Insurance and First Security Insurance in Twin Falls.

He is secretary for the Twin Falls Rotary Club and is district treasurer for Rotary District 400.

He also is active in the Magic Valley Symphony and the Twin Falls Municipal Band. He and his wife, Wanda, have three children and five grandchildren.

BOISE — John V. Evans III was promoted to vice president of commercial loans for the new D.L. Evans Bank office at 3845 W. State St., which

opened May 1.

Evans, a native of Burley, began his banking career with D.L. Evans Bank in 1992 as a part-time bookkeeper and teller in the Burley and Rupert offices while pursuing a degree in finance from the University of Idaho.

After completing his education in 1997, he returned to D.L. Evans Bank as a commercial/agricultural loan officer at the Blue Lakes office in Twin Falls before transferring to the Jerome office, where he served until his promotion to Burley.

Evans is a graduate of the Magic Valley Leadership Program and an ambassador for the Jerome Chamber of Commerce.

He also is a member of the Snake River Elk Lodge 2807, where he is a trustee. He is the great-great-grandson of the bank's founder, D.L. Evans, and a grandson of former Gov. John Evans.

BURLEY — Donnia Meade joined Povlson Co. Realtors as an associate broker.

Meade holds the GRI and CRS designations and has been in the real estate industry for 20 years in Mini-Cassia.

Meade enjoys golfing, traveling and riding a Harley with her husband, Lorry. She can be reached at 678-5777 or 1315 Oakley Ave.

WENDELL — Irma Winslow joined Hub City Realty's sales staff in the Wendell office.

Winslow and her husband, Everett, are longtime residents of Wendell. They owned and operated Winslow's Department Store for many years.

Winslow can be reached at 536-6436.

Kent and Cindy Collins

TWIN FALLS — Realtors Kent and Cindy Collins, owners of Prudential Idaho Homes and Properties, sold a home in Breckenridge, a planned residential community with views of the Snake River Canyon, and received a trip to Las Vegas in exchange.

The trip included air fare and transportation; a three-day, two-night stay at The Reserve Hotel Casino; two Las Vegas show tickets and dining for two in a Reserve restaurant.

Breckenridge was designed by architect Lee Iverson and boasts attention to detail, integrity and quality for homeowners who place a premium on design, aesthetics, recreational amenities and privacy, a developer's press release said.

Perched along the rim 500 feet above the canyon floor, Breckenridge offers serenity, security and close proximity to recreation, shopping and dining options, the release said.

Breckenridge — just north of the new Albertson's store, between Filmore Street and Canyon Springs Road — has a pedestrian path, pool, spa, gazebo and recreational vehicle storage availability.

Don't get burned by a scam this summer

BOISE — The arrival of summer usually means vacation time for many people. But as the weather heats up, so do travel-related and

Marco's in Burley re-opens under new management

BURLEY — Marco's has re-opened under new management. Jim Munoz, Martha Avery and Maria Munoz have been business partners for several years and bring their experience to the coffee shop venture.

Marcos has a high reputation for featuring a full-bodied coffee bean from Italy, a new selection each week. The tradition continues with luscious desserts from around the world, it said. The three entrepreneurs plan to add international items to the menu.

The coffee shop is at 183 Overland Ave.

Snake River Pool & Spa garners recognition

TWIN FALLS — Snake River Pool & Spa has been selected as one of the top 100 businesses in the spa and pool industry for 2000.

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This is the

11th year AQUA magazine has used the AQUA 100 program to recognize excellence in the industry and the second consecutive year Snake River Pool &

Spa Inc. has received the award. A panel of industry judges critiqued each company on customer service, product knowledge, store design, quality craftsmanship and advertising/promotion.

"It was a lengthy process to narrow this list to our top 100," said Jim Sanderson, editor and associate publisher of AQUA, in a Snake River Pool & Spa release. "But the ones who made the list truly represent the best businesses in the industry."

This year's 100 hail from 38 states and Canada, but only one from Idaho. They range from single-store, family operations to multi-unit national chains. All 100 companies are profiled in the April issue of AQUA and on the AQUA online web site.

Snake River Pool & Spa is in Twin Falls and Boise. For more information about the company, call Jim Paxton at 734-8103.

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage schedules open house

TWIN FALLS — Wells Fargo Home Mortgage will hold an open house from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at its Twin Falls branch, 113 Main Ave. W.

A ribbon cutting will take place at 3 p.m. The public is invited for hors d'oeuvres to welcome the new mortgage par-

ners. Partners in the Home Mortgage division include Julie Zampredi, office manager; Chuck Byler, Home Mortgage consultant and reverse mortgage specialist; and Amanda, Marita LeMoine and Gary Sipe, all Home Mortgage consultants.

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Customers are invited.

See new Birkenstock line at Hudson's Shoe Store

BURLEY — The new spring Birkenstock line will be presented by a Birkenstock representa-

tive from 10 to 5 p.m.

Friday at Hudson's Shoe Store, 1237 Overland Ave.

Customers are invited.

Customer service expert plans workshop in Boise

BOISE — Customer service expert Dawnene Blakeslee will present a two-hour workshop, "Customer Service That Sets You Apart," from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. May 16 at the Statehouse Inn in downtown Boise.

Blakeslee has more than 20 years' customer service experience and has traveled throughout Idaho. She'll show participants how to relate better to both external and internal customers and how to make a sparkling first impression. Anyone who regularly interacts with the public can benefit from attending, event promoters said.

Cost is \$29, including continental breakfast. To register, call Shelly Houston at the Idaho Small Business Development Center at 426-1833.

Exporters will gather in Boise for program

BOISE — Potential and active exporters are invited to a half-day program in export financing set for 8:30 a.m. May 24 at the Statehouse Inn, 981 Grove St.

Presenters for the program are experienced experts, bankers and government officials. The program is designed to answer questions and make available professionals in export finance and development. The expert will cover sources of capital, pre-shipment financing, credit insurance and agricultural credit and commodity programs. They will be available during breaks and after the program for questions.

Cost is \$25, including breakfast buffet. For more information, call James Hellwig at 334-3857.

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Diversified Martial Arts in Twin Falls gave more than \$51,000 in one-month scholarships to schools, church, and other groups through the Idaho Valley. With the increase of violence and disorder in society, head instructor Brian Higgins said he feels an obligation to work with other organizations to help maintain and teach personal responsibility in the community.

— Brian Higgins

Higgins has provided similar opportunities "three times every year" and "is by far the greatest offering." Adults and teenagers benefitting from the martial arts, he said.

J.C. Penney CEO announces retirement

Knight Ridder News Service

PLANO, Texas — J.C. Penney Chief Executive James Oesterreicher, who has led the national department store chain through tumultuous change, is retiring.

Penney, which has stores in the Midwest, is looking inside and outside the company for a new chief executive, spokeswoman Rita Flynn said. She added that Penney's board had already been discussing the succession at Oesterreicher's urging.

Oesterreicher, 58, will head the company until his successor is in place.

Flynn said Penney is eager to compete top retail talent, but competition is stiff with so many big-name retailers looking for executives.

"The search process is now underway at other companies like Sears, Mattel and the Gap," she said.

Analysts said the announcement was not unexpected because Oesterreicher is approaching retirement age.

"It's probably a good time," said Jeffrey Edelman, senior analyst at the PaineWebber investment firm in New York.

"More in the company is up, consumers are being made more positive."

Oesterreicher joined Penney as a management trainee in 1964 and worked his way up. In 1997, he was named chairman and chief executive.

Penney has struggled in recent years to limit costs while increasing sales and earnings. Penney's revenue increased from \$2.1 billion to \$2.5 billion from 1995 to 1999, but earnings dropped from \$83.6 million to \$35.6 million.

The veteran retailer, like many traditional department stores, has been squeezed by both discounters and upscale specialty stores.

Penney's problems were not created by Oesterreicher, Edelman said.

"I think he was in a difficult position. He inherited a company that was so entrenched in tradition," Edelman said. "It's so hard to fight the system. It's hard to make change when you're part of the group."

Construction

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celebrate its anniversary May 20 with food and prizes for the public.

Case care

Independent Care Services owner Mike Wolf wanted to help renovate downtown Twin Falls. So when his 2 1/2-year-old, Twin Falls-based business outgrew its office on Eastland Drive, he chose to move across town to 333 Main Ave. E. to remodel and beautify, said Carmen Babb, a case manager for Independent Care.

The task was a big one, she said: Gut the building, put on a new roof, section the interior into separate offices and refurbish the exterior front and back.

Independent Care bought just one section of the building at that Main Avenue address, so only part of the structure has a new look.

An April building permit for the interior portion of the remodeling lists a \$20,000 estimate value for improvements.

When Independent Care moves into its new quarters, probably in June, it will add an in-house psychiatric physician — something it doesn't have now — and will be able to take more clients for psychiatric case management, Babb said. It doesn't have a client waiting list now, but Wolf is confident business will increase, she added.

The company now has nine full-time psychiatric case managers, Babb said.

"We anticipate that number will grow," she said. "We just need to get the word out there."

Psychiatric case management is for adults who have psychiatric needs and who are on Medicaid, Babb said. The service helps those adults obtain and coordinate health care, education, early intervention and individual growth and development, and acquire skills for independence.

Independent Care's clients are people living in the community but sometimes struggling with basic living skills. Case managers help them be "an asset to society," she said.

Heavy-duty hardware

Pacific Steel & Recycling in Twin Falls is remodeling existing space inside its building at 1939 Highland Ave. E. to open a

40-by-25-foot industrial hardware store.

"It's not a very big one," manager Russ Taylor said. "That's all we can afford for now."

A building permit for the remodeling lists a \$16,000 estimated value.

The store will cater to contractors, farmers and machine shops by carrying nuts and bolts, building hardware, welding supplies, trailer parts and chain link fence supplies — "things that complement our steel," Taylor said.

"We'll have the biggest inventory of chain link in town," he added.

Taylor figures Pacific Steel will open the hardware store in July or the beginning of August. Nobody else on the east side of Twin Falls is supplying exactly this kind of hardware line, he added.

"I've been going to do this for 10 years," Taylor said. "The time is right."

Elsewhere in town

Other April building permits of note include:

• The city's new 22-by-100-foot plastic shelter replacing an old one at Harron Park. The building permit lists an \$8,223 portion of the \$10,000 total cost, which includes tables.

• The city's \$5,000 scoreboard sign at the municipal golf course, 519 Grandview Drive.

• Amalgamated Sugar's \$2,500 remodeling for an engine room enclosure at 2330 Ordard Drive E.

• Remodeling for David's Phone Center's occupancy at 634 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. Suits a \$5,000 project.

Values listed on building permits are estimates.

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Buy, sell, hold: What it all means

Analysts can change a company's fortune

By Eileen Gleason
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With just one word — buy, sell or hold — a Wall Street analyst can change a company's fortune.

But for the average investor, it's not always easy to determine the true meaning of the words investment firms use to rate stocks. Analysts employ a variety of terms and criteria to rate stocks, so investors may swim in a sea of terms like "outperform," "accumulate," "neutral" and "hold."

And because each investment firm has its own lexicon — and in own opinions — it can be hard to get a consensus of professionals for some stocks.

More critically, Wall Street watchdogs say analysts are facing increasing pressure to issue only positive stock ratings, making "sell" recommendations so rare that they're essentially useless.

"There's enough bias in the system" that investors "really ought to be skeptical," said Louis M. Thompson Jr., president and chief executive officer of the National Investor Relations Institute.

As of May 1, less than 1 percent of the 28,000 stock ratings tracked by research firm First Call/Thomson Financial were recommendations to sell. The vast majority — 73.9 percent — were equivalent to "buy" or "strong buy" recommendations, said Chuck Hill, First Call's director of research.

There are some valid reasons for the preponderance of positive ratings, analysts said. First, analysts choose the companies they



cover. Rather than slap a "sell" rating on a weak or middling company, most analysts will simply not cover the firm.

But critics including Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Arthur Levitt said that analysts keep their coverage position in order to provide good relations between the investment banking side of their firms and the companies they cover. Levitt, in several speeches over the past year, has said the system amounts to a "web of dysfunctional relationships" between brokerages and corporations.

The pressure to give companies positive coverage has intensified in recent years as market watchers said. Most Wall Street brokerages have changed the way they compensate analysts, awarding them larger paychecks if they help bring in clients to do deals with the investment banking side of their firms. Some companies, aware that they hold power in the relationship, have curtailed access for analysts who are critical of the company or its stock.

"Companies have always tried to curry favor with the analysts, but it goes the other way too," Thompson said.

The skewed ratings system means individual investors must

carefully parse the research handed down from Wall Street, experts said.

"If you know how to interpret it, Wall Street research is a useful thing," said Hill. "You just have to know that when they say 'buy,' they mean 'hold,' and when they say 'hold,' they probably mean 'sell.'"

Investors should also stay attuned to any shifts in well-regarded analysts' positions, market watchers said. On April 24, Rick Sherlund, who follows Microsoft for Goldman Sachs, removed the stock from Goldman's list of recommended names and downgraded it to "market outperform" from "buy."

Sherlund's action came as the software maker was losing its antitrust fight with the government and as it warned analysts that profit growth may slow in the coming year. Wall Street clearly interpreted Sherlund's downgrade as a reason to sell — Microsoft stock fell 15 percent that day.

This past week, struggling engineering firm Stone & Webster proved that while "sell" recommendations hurt, they are rarely a company's worst problem. On Tuesday, Credit Suisse First Boston placed a rare "sell"

recommendation on the stock, knocking its share price to \$4.125 on Tuesday from \$6.25 on Monday.

But Stone & Webster had already seen its stock price whittled down from about \$23 a year ago as it faced a cash crunch and debated putting its assets up for sale. The Credit Suisse analyst who downgraded the stock was not available for comment, but most market players guessed that investors had taken their cues from the company's own reports over the last year.

"Investors need to read between the lines," said Robert M. Balentine, chief executive officer of investment advisory firm Balentine & Co. in Atlanta. "Look at the fundamental reasons that analysts give to back up their recommendations, and get input from many different sources."

This past week on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 155.05. A 165.37-point rally on Friday left the index at 10,577.86.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 43.48 during the week to close at 3,816.82. On Friday, the Nasdaq rose 96.58 points.

The Standard & Poor's 500 had a weekly loss of 19.80. The index rose 23.08 on Friday, closing at 1,432.63.

The Russell 2000 index of

smaller companies was the only major market barometer to gain ground this past week. The index rose 6.59 for the week, closing at \$12.84 after a 10.94-point gain Friday.

The Wilshire Associates Equity Index, which measures the combined market value of all NYSE, American and Nasdaq issues, ended the week at \$13.39 trillion, off \$155.87 billion from last week.

Savvy and stupid trade after sun goes down

Knight Ridder News Service

year-end earnings at 4:52 p.m. on June 15, IBM shares closed the regular trading day at \$115.50, then jumped to \$122 in after-hours trading before settling at \$119.50. The following day, IBM opened at \$123 and closed at \$121.

In other words, the first investors to hear IBM's earnings report were able to pounce on the stock at a discount to next-day prices.

But there's a big downside.

First off, after-hours markets aren't the same as the formal trading floor of the business day. Instead, trading is done in what are known as electronic trading networks or ECNs, that have handled after-hours trading for institutions for years.

For the next three to four hours, the most die-hard investors can place buy and sell orders to their hearts' delight. Many initiate their trades through online firms such as ETrade, Datek Online and Onlinetrading.com, but even the traditional brokerages — Merrill Lynch, DLJ Direct and Charles Schwab, among others — are catering to the happy-hour set.

We've clearly seen the demand from our customer base," says Stephen Richards, chief online trading officer for ETrade Group of Menlo Park, Calif.

Once the regular markets close, trading takes off in different directions on the ECNs. While a share of Microsoft has one bid price and one ask price on the Nasdaq Stock Market, those prices vary from one ECN to the next. That wouldn't be so bad if average investors could compare all those prices, but such a centralized price-reporting system doesn't yet exist.

Consequently, buyers can be overpaying for stocks without even knowing it.

Smart planning can help cover the costs of aging

By Mary Vancic
Knight Ridder News Service

Pam Moore recently got a call from a prospective client:

Moore, who is education director for Consumer Credit Counseling of South Central, Ohio, said the caller had a dilemma that is becoming increasingly common — what to do about the high cost of getting older.

The caller, a 68-year-old man, wanted to know how he could continue to live independently after his wife, also 68 and dying of cancer, went to live in a nursing home.

The wife is getting ready to go on Medicaid, the federal and state health-care program for the poor, Moore said.

The nursing home is ready to take the caller's wife's Social Security check. But, faced with house and car payments, the caller's living expenses are more than he can afford now because of his wife's transition in health care.

Similar situations are playing out in households nationwide. Consider the following:

The National Alliance for Caregiving in Maryland estimates one in four households are caring for a family member age 50 or older.

The American Medical Association estimates that one-third of families that care for seriously ill members will spend all or most of their savings.

The Congressional Budget Office projects long-term care costs to rise almost 70 percent to \$207.3 billion by 2020.

While government Medicare and Medicaid programs will continue to pay most of the expenses, families and private insurance companies are expected to pay \$79.1 billion in long-term care by 2020, according to the budget office.

Despite those statistics, the picture is not entirely grim.

As more Americans live to be 80, 90 even 100 years old — and more working and mobile couples are unable or unwilling to care for their parents — a host of health-care and financial services are growing up to meet their needs.

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Joe Gibson, elder-rights attorney for the Area Agency on Aging in Uniontown, Ohio:

"It's a wake-up call,"

Moore said. "Children need to take responsibility to look into this and build up enough guts to sit down with their families."

One way to start talking is to call a family meeting, Moore said.

Another way is to ask the aging parent or couple for advice about long-term care planning, Gibson said.

Yet another way is to set aside time at family reunions for planning meetings, said Nancy Mahoney, a senior health-care insurance specialist at the Bankers Life and Casualty office in Fairlawn, Ohio.

When you sit down with your family, the first questions are financial. Does the older person have enough income or savings to

pay expenses? If not, can family members pitch in? Or, can insurance or government programs provide the care?

You can begin planning by filling out no-worth statements for the elderly.

"The first thing we like to do with our clients is develop a spreadsheet so they can see where their assets really are," said Kay Feagles, a certified financial planner and principal at Portfolio Supervision Inc. in Canton, Ohio.

Feagles advises clients to consolidate and simplify their assets, such as rolling four or five brokerage or savings accounts into one.

Sometimes, simplifying assets means selling your house.

At some point, that house you've loved for years becomes a liability, Gibson said.

Some older people move to condominiums where building maintenance is paid monthly. Others move to independent living apartments in retirement communities or to a child's home.

Assisted living, group home and nursing home facilities are available for those who need regular medical or personal care.

List care needs that are not being met, as well as expected future needs. Then, talk about care options, which could include home care, personal care or institutional care.

One option to consider is long-term care insurance, attorney

Kaufmann said.

This insurance, largely unknown 10 years ago, should be examined when you or your parents are aging, said Pam Moore.

Harding, a partner in Harding, Kaufmann & Associates in the Monroeville area of Bath Township, Ohio:

That's because the premiums essentially double between the ages of 55 and 65 and again between the ages of 65 and 75, Harding said.

Insurance agent Mahoney, who is also 55, pays a steady premium of about \$500 for her long-term care insurance. An 89-year-old client recently bought a policy that has a \$3,000-a-year premium, she said.

Unlike government insurance programs, this insurance can cover the costs of home health care, as well as assisted living at retirement communities, Harding said.

The private insurance also helps beneficiaries their choice of care, within the bounds of the policy, Mahoney said.

Such clients are likely to qualify for Medicaid within months of entering a nursing home (the average cost is about \$60,000 a year).

Some families also might want to consider legally spending down assets so the older person qualifies for Medicaid, Kaufmann said.

Because long-term care insurance is relatively new, Harding recommends buying it from a financially strong company that has been in the business at least 10 years.

For instance, Bankers Life started selling long-term care insurance in the 1970s, agent Mahoney said.

As an incentive to buy insurance, the government has made part of the premiums tax deductible.

For that reason, it can make sense for a child who has taxable income to make the premium payments rather than the older parent who no longer reports income.

Because of the significant cost of long-term care insurance, Mahoney usually does not recommend the insurance to clients who have less than \$100,000 in assets and no money unless having a chain of care is most important.

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Credit card 'gotchas' bleed customers

Los Angeles Times

It's getting harder and harder not to get nipped by your credit card company. Fees, fines and fine print are proliferating, and even the best customers are getting hit.

Credit card issuers Providian and First USA, for example, admitted last year that many of their customers had been charged late fees for on-time payments — something that had been alleged by thousands of angry borrowers and outlined in several lawsuits.

The two credit card giants blamed their processing systems for the mistakes and refunded millions of dollars.

But many of the dirty tricks played on credit card users aren't mistakes at all — in fact, they're quite deliberate. Here's some of the latest "gotchas" consumers face:

"Pre-approved" cards that aren't. This long-running phenomenon seems to be getting worse as credit card companies become more sensitive to applicants' credit histories — so they indulge in more bait-and-switch tactics. Few people who respond to promises of a card with a 7.9 percent fixed rate, for example, actually get approved; instead, companies often send cards with less favorable terms.

Offering low-rate cards "is a marketing gimmick," said Robert McKinley, president of CardWeb, a credit research company. "They're not giving you a better interest rate."

Some applicants wind up with no card at all. The lists of screened candidates that credit card issuers get from the credit bureaus can be flawed, or the applicant might have applied for too many cards in the weeks between the time the list was drawn up and the time the actual offer was sent.

Credit card companies have been blamed by a rising number of consumer bankruptcies, which is why they are sensitive to signs that an applicant may be taking on too much debt, McKinley explained.

But the credit check issue cuts both ways. Applicants who apply for a card and don't get it still

wind up with an "inquiry" on their credit reports. While nothing on the credit report says whether or not the credit was granted, having too many "inquiries" by itself can hurt a credit rating. So, says Garry Weller, a spokesman for Fair Isaac Co., it's leading credit scoring firm.

Consumers can't do much if they're turned down for a card — issuers aren't likely to reconsider their decisions. But no one has to accept a substitute card; simply cut it up and send it back with a note declining the offer.

Balance transfer offers that boost your debt. Some credit card companies offer 3.9 percent promotional rates for a few months on new balances transferred from another card.

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Hidden in the fine print are fees of 2 percent to 3 percent on your transfer, which can effectively wipe out any savings. It's particularly bad for those who were planning to pay off the balance soon or transfer it to another card.

Credit card issuers say the fees are designed to prevent such "rate surfing," and credit card profits have indeed suffered as consumers have rolled their balances from one low-rate offer to another. But the issuers aren't doing much to bring the issue to card applicants' attention, and it can be difficult to spot.

Fraud rates that aren't. Nearly 20 percent of the nation's credit cards have variable rates tied to some benchmark, typically the prime rate. But even those cards that ostensibly offer "fixed" rates can change their terms at any time with 15 days' notice.

"It's not like a mortgage. You can't lock in a credit card rate even if it's 'fixed,'" McKinley said.

EASY, MEENY, MINNEY RATES. Some companies offer vastly different rates for purchases, balance transfers and cash advances — and it's up to consumers to know the difference. Providian's Aria Visa Platinum Premium card, for example, offers a 7.99 percent rate on purchases, a rate

between 12.99 percent and 21.99 percent on balance transfers and a 21.99 percent rate on cash advances. Those who don't qualify for the premium card could wind up being charged processing and annual fees of up to \$89 each, plus a rate of 23.99 percent on transactions.

Deceptive lenders. Some credit card companies and other lenders deliberately withhold data from credit bureaus to prevent competitors from stealing their customers. The practice is especially devastating to those trying to improve poor or nonexistent credit histories, because no one else is interested in loaning them money. And new credit lines of better

records.

One trade group that includes credit card giants Household International and Associates First Capital Corp. said that its members had promised to stop the information blackout and would provide credit bureaus with more complete data. But banking regulators are concerned that the practice is still too widespread and could threaten lenders that rely on incomplete credit reports.

Excessive insurance. Many credit card companies try to sell insurance that will pay off the card in case of death or disability. A relatively new twist is coverage that guarantees the outstanding balance on the card will be forgiven if the holder dies or can't work. Financial experts agree that both products are inferior to plain old term life insurance and should be used only by consumers who can get coverage anywhere else.

Supervised workers. At some companies, you can still get a supervisor on the phone if you're

having trouble resolving a problem or if you want to get a fee waived or an interest rate lowered. At others, however, cost-cutting measures in customer service mean long waits on hold or telephone representatives who just don't seem very available.

Laguna Beach, Calif., resident Barbara A. Connor said she called her credit card company, First USA, at least a dozen times to check on the progress of a merchant charge that should have been taken off her bill. Each time, she said she was told that the telephone representative couldn't help her and that no supervisor would be there. Her card was credited within 24 hours after a reporter called the company's public relations office to inquire about the problem.

Cards that cost more than they're worth. Some of the nation's leading credit card companies are offering their best deals and lowest rates on the Internet rather than through expensive mass mailings. But some of the worst deals on the Internet, as well as offline, are offered by companies that had a credit limit of \$100 and fees for applying that cost more than twice that.

Fees, fees and more fees. Late fees, over-limit fees and cash-advance fees have all increased in recent years. Cash-advance fees are particularly steep, where once most issuers had limits on how much they would charge — 10 percent of the amount with a \$10 minimum. In general, now, many charge 3 percent with no upper limit and with minimum fees of up to \$50. Cash advance fees also can be much higher than the rate for balance transfers or purchases; American Express has a card with a 9.9 percent regular rate but a 19.99 percent rate for cash advances.

More credit card companies are also allowing customers to go over their credit limits, which is slapping on fees; in the past, the companies typically would have refused to approve any over-limit charges.

"It's all part of the fee frenzy," McKinley says. "You can get a good deal, but if you step out of line — whammo! You get whacked."

Praise the women and minorities for boosting economy

NEW YORK (AP) — Based on the publicity and acclaim they receive, business is based on high-tech ideas and millions in borrowed dollars are leading America into a dynamic new era.

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Moreover, they are responsible for the strongest job creation among all U.S. businesses, and are likely to continue to be, this forecast is based on several market trends.

The basic trend is for growth in the female and minority populations. Corporate downsizing — those who lost jobs often opt for entrepreneurship — is likely to be a force. And, according to a D&B analysis, technological progress

may permit easier entry into established markets.

"Within this flourishing environment," says Ron Wesson, a D&B vice president, "lies an explosion of new marketing opportunities and supplier relationships for all businesses."

Specifics cited by D&B:

* There are more than 9 million women-owned businesses in the United States.

* One in three businesses is owned by a woman.

* Women-owned companies employ more than one in four U.S. workers.

* In the past decade, the fastest growth among women-owned businesses was in traditionally capital-intensive industries such as construction, wholesale trade and manufacturing.

* Minority-owned business employ nearly 4 million workers in the United States.

* In 1997, three million minority-owned businesses generated nearly \$700 billion in revenues.

* In the past decade, minority-owned businesses have increased their revenues 343 percent.

* That said, many of the newer businesses owned by women or minorities are in the so-called new economy as well as the old, some of which are key for exchanging ideas and products.

Such things are worth remembering when you read about the young high-tech genius with a great idea but no profits, a great future but no revenues, and enough debt to sink a commercial bank.

Don't blame the public for causing the quakes

NEW YORK (AP) — Who are these ubiquitous "investors" whose products daily and weekly quakes in the stock market and who receive all the blame or credit, whichever happens to apply?

Once upon a time we had a well-defined picture, it being that of a somewhat portly gentleman bevested and with a gold watch chain, standing with exaggerated gait, guilty before a portrait of himself.

It was a caricature, for sure, but most likely it was nearer the reality than the investors we picture today, and who are referred to routinely, as in the phrase, "Investors pushed prices higher."

Today's market is more of a populist place, made up of a good many middle-aged aspirers to the good life, deeply concerned about taxes and seeking a cushion of assets beneath their pension plans.

It also includes the elderly and the more knowledgeable and ambitious newcomers to the workplace. In all, people like you or me account for a major portion of the 60 million or 70 million individual investors.

They may be the "investing public," but they aren't like the investors who have the market. They aren't the decision makers. They don't take the huge risks. They're hardly active traders.

In fact, they are likely to do most of their investing through intermediaries, such as pension and mutual funds. Of the latter, there at least 7,786 with assets of \$25 million or more. That's a minimum asset figure; many are in large multiples of that figure.

Concerns expressed by perhaps generated by their advertising, funds are not necessarily long-term investors. More than ever, they are traders, buying, selling and turning over portfolios.

They're not the reason. Equity mutual funds, which collectively have assets of more than \$4 trillion, are highly competitive with each other, and so tend to use assets actively rather than sitting on them.

No wonder that institutions together account for most of the daily trading on mainly exchanges. Consider: There are twice as many mutual funds as there are stocks on the New York Stock Exchange.

Institutions, of which mutual funds are numerically the largest segment, account for most of each day's trading and much of the volatility. They are the "investors."

This is hardly news to market-place sophisticates, but now university researchers, Dean Strickland of Ohio State University and Patrick Dennis of the University of Virginia, have supplied the data.

They found, for example, that stocks owned predominantly by institutional investors, mainly mutual funds, surged much more than other stocks when the market rose sharply, and dropped more when the overall market declined.

They were able to quantify findings in terms perhaps best left to academics. In up markets, for example, stocks owned by mutual funds, had double the turnover rate of those with low institutional ownership. And in down markets, fund-dominated stocks fell more sharply than other stocks.

To Strickland, this suggests that institutional money managers may be panicking and trading a lot more on days when the market is particularly volatile.

He described it as "herding behavior." He suggests that fund managers conclude that if their performance is not so different from other money managers, they are unlikely to be replaced.

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Lessons come with new home ownership

Buyers discover inexpensive improvements

The Providence Journal

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — James Cavallaro obtained a second education this past summer when he bought a 10-year-old colonial and began renovating it so that he could move in.

Take the house's baseboards. Rather than use a brush, Cavallaro used spray paint to give them a new coat.

"Most base boards come right off," he explained. "You can take them in the garage and spray paint them in a few minutes. Pop them back on and they look brand new."

Added Mark Goodwin, manager of Sherwin-Williams Co. in North Providence: "They will also look better because you won't see any brush marks."

A can of spray paint also costs only about \$4.

When moving into a first home or apartment, things can get expensive and pitfalls seem to always loom. Plus, working with limited dollars can make the move a real challenge.

Cavallaro, 24 and an auditor at Fleet Bank, had been living at home when he bought the colonial, his first home. He owns it with his fiancee, Carla Lettau.

According to Domenic Florio of Florio Brothers Floor Covering, money can be saved when laying down new carpet or other flooring. He suggests shopping around before buying a certain rug, but also warns of purchasing a cheaper product.

"If you go with a cheap carpet, it may not last, costing you more money in the long run," said Florio. His advice, in terms of saving money, is to rip out old carpeting yourself before putting down a new rug, thus avoiding an extra charge that would be added to your installation bill.

Florio also mentioned that another money-saver would be in tile and linoleum flooring. When replacing tile, Florio said that his tile and linoleum would cost "about half the price of installing new tile."

Painting and wallpapering can also drain limited funds.

Goodwin, of Sherwin-Williams, recommended going with a high-quality paint for the walls that costs about \$17 to \$20, which will eliminate the need for extra coats. As far as using a primer, Goodwin said he felt it was more important to clean and dry the walls before painting.

In wallpapering, Cavallaro suggested doing it yourself using a pre-pasted wallpaper that will stick better and save you money on glue.

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Brum also had some advice when it came to renting a moving van.

"The first thing you can do is try to round up some friends or family members to help you move,"

—Monica Brum,
student

ed 100 free miles for the day. Fixtures and furniture can really pose a threat for first-time movers.

Although Cavallaro bought his living room and bedroom set at a furniture store, he found that entertainment centers, horizontal blinds, light fixtures, faucets and televisions can be purchased elsewhere cheaper. For example, Cavallaro said he saved about \$800 by buying his entertainment center at Kmart, which doesn't solely rely on the sale of furniture to stay in business.

He also learned the difference between horizontal and vertical blinds, the latter being tradition-

ally more expensive.

"I have an eight-foot window which cost me about \$60 to cover with horizontal blinds."

Cavallaro said, "With vertical blinds, I would have paid about \$300 to \$350 just to do that one window."

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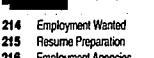
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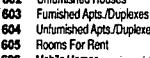
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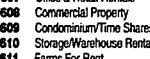
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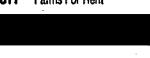
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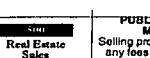
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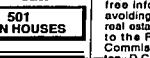
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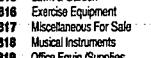
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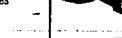
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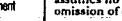
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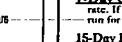
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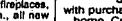
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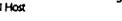
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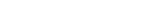
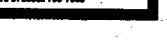
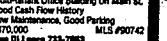
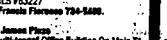
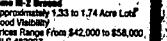
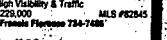
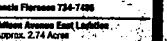
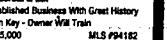
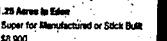
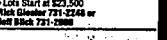
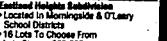
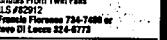
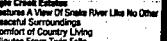
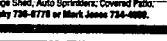
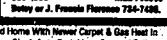
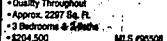
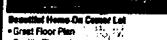
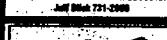
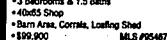
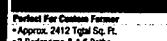
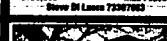
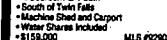
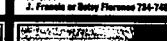
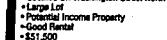
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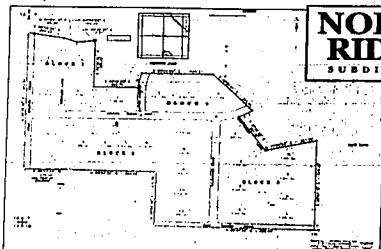
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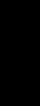
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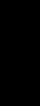
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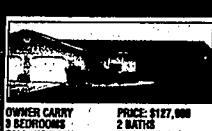
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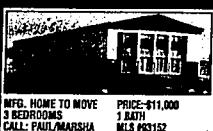
REMODED
3 BEDROOMS
2 BATHS
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OWNER CARRY
5 BEDROOMS
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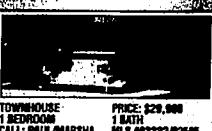
OPEN FLOOR PLAN
4 BEDROOMS
2 BATHS
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MFG. HOME TO MOVE
3 BEDROOMS
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RICHFIELD HOME
2 BEDROOMS
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TOWNHOUSE
1 BEDROOM
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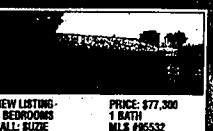
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3 BEDROOMS
2 BATHS
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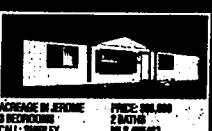
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BAR & MOTEL
CALL: BOBBY



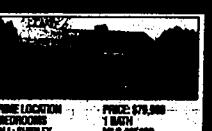
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2 BATHS
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3 BEDROOMS
2 BATHS
CALL: SUZIE



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3 BEDROOMS
2 BATHS
CALL: SHIRLEY



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2 BEDROOMS
1 BATH
CALL: SHIRLEY



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2 1/2 BATHS
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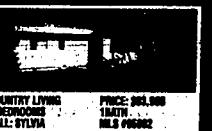
KIMBERLY HOME
1 UNIT APT.
CALL: GAIL



BUS. OPPORTUNITY
CHURCH
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2 BATHS
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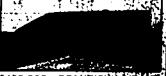
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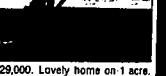
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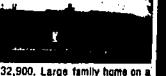
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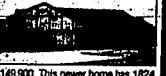
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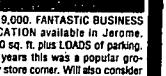
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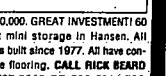
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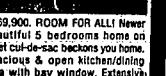
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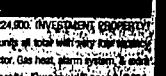
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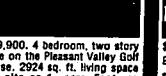
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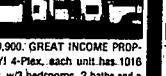
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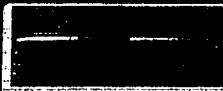
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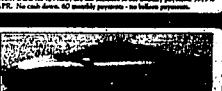
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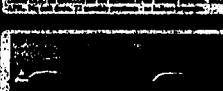
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Section E

I really don't have time for this

Several years ago, when my son was in elementary school, he said a friend's mom was eating the peanut butter cookie I had made. "I didn't know you could cook, too," Mrs. Turner," the school chum remarked.

"In addition to what?" I wondered. It's a super-sized question.

Most of us are way too busy. And we often spend our free time playing catchup with the minor, but much too-embarrassing, frustrations of life.

At other times, when you finally sit down to eat, people start trying to sell you things.

A friend told me she recently got a phone call from a recorded message that actually talked back.

"Don't hang up on me," the recording said. "Don't you have any feelings? You know, machines have feelings, too."

Then there are those random notices we get in the mail all the time. "Your car may blow up within the next 24 hours if you don't get your glove compartment replaced." Or something like that.

One day, I even broke down and called a salesman myself. It was the day when I finally realized we were going to have to get an extra phone line for our computer. It was right after my mother had just called me one day and then gotten mad because, as she put it, "We never learned how to talk to an answering machine, and I'm too old to want to learn now."

When I talked to the customer service representative, he said, "We have special deals for extra phone lines everywhere but in your city."

Go figure. And I still remember the day when I realized I had planned my family so that I would end up with a child going through the "terrible two" and an adolescent at the same time. That's when I started keeping those burnout charts - the kind that rank your life experiences according to stress points and tell you how nervous you're supposed to be.

A pregnancy is usually worth about 40 stress points and bringing a new baby home clocks in at around 39. I have always figured you should add about five more points if YOU are the one who brings the baby home.

As I recall, it was my friend Valerie - mother of six - who told me to buy a playpen. "And then sit in it for an hour every afternoon," she said.

Oh well, most of us have already moved beyond burnout anyway. There are even days when I'm convinced that I've made it to "rustout." I mean, we live in such a hurry-up-and-wait world, and the wait isn't always over.

Most people won't believe me when I tell them: this story, but I swear it's true. One night, my family and I were eating at a restaurant that advertised a hamburger with the "extra" - lettuce, tomato, etc. My husband ordered this hamburger, got all of the extras, bit into the sandwich and - Voilà! - no meat. They forgot to put in the hamburger.

When I lived in the Midwest, I once saw a sign on a tow truck that read, "#234-hour towing available."

Which 15 minutes would you take off if that's all you could have? I could think about that one all day.

A woman at a business conference told me she often feels as if she is holding two big beach balls under water and sitting on a third one. "Whenever they pop up, it's really ugly," she said.

I know, I know. There are ways to manage life successfully. Exercise, adopt a more positive attitude, allow others to make their own choices, break up large tasks into manageable portions ... But there are days when I just want something extra - something really cool - to happen on its own, without me having to initiate it.

I want someone to give me a fat-free double fudge brownie that tastes like the real thing.

I want someone to invent a hairstyle that lasts through a baseball game in Idaho.

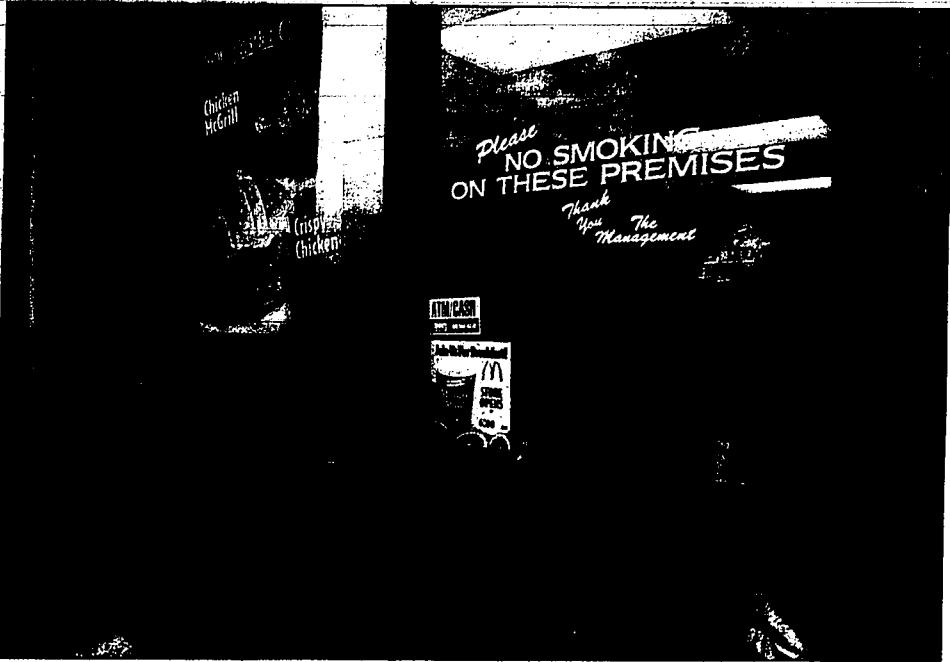
I want laundry that doesn't reproduce itself.

I want frequent-driver carpet coupons, refundable at a luxury spa.

I want someone to buy me a better wardrobe than my kids have.

Really. Is that too much to ask?

WORKING SUMMER JOBS



LORAN CASTOR/The Times-News

McDonald's worker David Chambers, 18, washes windows at the McDonald's in Jerome. Chambers graduated from Dietrich High School in 1999 and plans to attend the College of Southern Idaho in the fall.

Teen-agers looking for jobs: What does and doesn't work

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

Summer job hunting tips for teen-agers

JEROME - When James Taylor was looking to get his foot into the job market, he kept his eyes open.

"There was a new restaurant opening, and I thought, 'They're going to need people.' I walked in the door and filled out an application, and they offered me a dish washer," he said.

A couple of weeks and a couple of part-time jobs later, the College of Southern Idaho freshman is working about 25 hours a week for a real-estate developer and thinking of bigger things.

"I'm thinking about majoring in engineering in college," said Taylor, an 18-year-old Jerome High School graduate.

"... becoming a professional snowboarder."

Big dreams come of small

beginnings; they often have summer jobs and sometimes hire young people.

"Look for a job doing something you might want to do for a career. For example, if you're thinking about majoring in biology, chemistry or physics in college, consider a summer job at a greenhouse, on a park maintenance crew, at an ag research company, or on a farm."

Network with friends and family.

"Tour your neighborhood, shopping centers and malls looking for stores with help-wanted signs."

"Don't overlook temp and day-labor

beginnings, and the time-honored door-to-the-American labor market has never been wider open.

"There's a lot of demand for

agencies; they often have summer jobs and sometimes hire young people."

"Write a letter of introduction, including achievements at school and extracurricular and church activities. It will make a bigger impression than just filling out an application. But don't worry about a resume if you don't have job experience; that will come later."

"Smile. Retailers - and that's a substantial percentage of the employers who hire younger workers - are looking for employees who can deal effectively with people."

young workers locally, and not just in traditional jobs," said Greg Rogers, labor market ana-

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... and if you're 15

Sixteen is the minimum age that many companies will hire part-time workers because of state labor laws restricting hours and working conditions for younger workers.

But if you're 14 or 15 or younger, there are still possibilities:

• Babysitting. The most pervasive run-it-yourself business for younger teenagers.

• Cleaning service. Maybe you hate doing your chores at home, but getting paid for doing them is a whole different story.

You could offer complete house-cleaning services, or specialize in one or more areas, such as kitchen/garage cleanups.

• Yard maintenance service. There is always something that needs to be done - mowing lawns and weed control in the spring and summer, raking leaves in the fall, and shoveling snow and planting for the spring in the winter.

* Pet sitting service. Typically more of a summer business when people tend to go on vacation, but you might be able to have a year-round business by offering pet walking, bathing, cleaning, etc. services.

* PC tutor/Website development service. Are you a whiz with computers and the web? Well, many adults are not, and you could make a good business helping people learn to use PCs and develop websites for their families or for their businesses.

* Catering service. Do you enjoy cooking and baking? In the busy times, if you can provide a service that others' well-cooked meals to working parents or seniors, you could do quite well.

* Painting service. If you have some experience or there are a few of your friends who want to go into business with you, you might consider a painting business. People are always renovating.

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A dime here, a dime there - senior discounts can really add up

Senior discounts have been a strong selling point in marketing ever since the children of the Depression turned into grandparents. But as the Baby Boom moves into the senior ranks, the idea of 10 percent off may not hold the same appeal for many.

"It's the new currency for this group," said Bill Burkart, CEO of Age Wave IMPACT, an Emeryville, Calif., marketing firm that focuses on Baby Boomers and older adults. "I don't want to go so far as to say senior discounts are dead.

People have been trained that way. If they can get better service and a discount, too, sure, why not? But will a discount make me change my behavior? No."

"Most of the discount programs were designed in the '70s," Burkart said, and they were geared to people who were getting along during the lean years of the Depression, when wastefulness was a sin and finding price breaks was second nature.

"The only way to get them to

lose their purse strings was through discount programs," he

explained. The difference for the Baby Boomers is that they grew up at a time of national prosperity; the so-called "good old days" of the 1950s and 1960s were probably more important.

His firm advises marketers planning for the Baby Boomers' senior market to instead make their appeals based on people's various stages of life rather than specifically on age. For

example, among people whose children are finally out of the house and done with college, available money swells.

"Discretionary income peaks at age 45 to 47 and tends to stay that way for 10 years," he said. Convenience or time is likely to play well in this group, which may have 10 more months than the minutes, necessary, they are still working. "So many of the senior discounts are too low to be meaningful."

Marketing professor Suzanne Benet of Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich., countered that though many senior discounts may lie in the 10 percent range, even that can add up over time.

"If you figured it up over the course of a year, if you save 10 or 15 percent where you buy your sundries, it adds up. I know senior citizens who are loyal to a 25-cent cup of coffee. They will return to the same place over and over because the coffee is 25 cents."

- Source: Chicago Tribune

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most children.

"Rusty Rocket's Last Blast," an excellent show for younger audiences, will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Another program

"More Than Meets the Eye" will be shown at 4 p.m. Saturdays and will show amateur astronomers what they can see in the heavens from their own back yards. The show is especially good for telescope

owners or those considering buying a telescope. Planetary admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students, \$3 for senior citizens and \$9 for families.

For more information, call the Herrett Center at 733-9554, Ext. 2655.

Every week, To Do for Families lists family-oriented events in south-central Idaho. To get information on any of the calendar items, call Features Department, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls 83303. Deadline is noon on Wednesdays.

Burley Amateur Baseball Association looks for coaches

Ongoing

BURLEY - The Burley Amateur Baseball Association is looking for volunteers to coach the Minor League All Stars team.

Interested adults are encouraged to call Dave at 678-3145.

Faulkner Planetarium holds shows

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Faulkner Planetarium's new show "The Search for Life in the Universe" is being shown at 7

p.m. Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the planetarium on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

Narrated by "Star Trek's" Leonard Nimoy, and featuring three-dimensional art and space travel sequences, this show will appeal to audience members of all ages, although some of the program's scientific discussions will be beyond the understanding of

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Against the clock in the Safety Race Game! Also, find out about way-cool upcoming energy events by tuning into the Power Lab Field Day Guide. Are you ready? Energize!

ROCKHOUNDS

From diamonds to gold, a wealth of valuable jewels await just below the earth's surface. How do you know what you're looking at? Check out the Rockhound Magazine! You'll learn how to tell the minerals from the rocks, as well as how to tell the difference between the three basic rock types. The site also shows you how to build your own organic rock collection.

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Foundation honors young musicians

TWIN FALLS - High school music students from the Magic Valley were recently awarded scholarships through the Twin Falls Music Club Scholarship Foundation.

A total of \$2,500 was given toward the student's college expenses or for summer music camps. The results of the auditions were as follows and includes the student name, instrument and scholarship amount:

Graduating senior awards

Vince Gerrish, son of Jo Ann and Phil Gerrish of Filer, trumpet, \$500; student of Marcello Brown, piano to attend College in Danville, Ky.; and Brian Brown, son of Dennis and Valerie Brown of Twin Falls, \$800, piano, student of Sue Miller, plans to attend Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Camp awards went to:

Sarah Lincoln, daughter of Doug and Mary Ann Lincoln of Filer, \$200, alto saxophone, student of Linda Auerheide, plans to attend International Summer Arts Camp in Interlochen, Mich.; Angela Miller, daughter of Sue Miller of Twin Falls, \$200, piano and viola, student of Corinna McCain and Sue Miller, plans to attend International Music Camp at the International Peace Garden in Canada/North Dakota; Randall Brown, son of Dennis and Valerie Brown of Twin Falls, \$150, alto saxophone, student of Linda Auerheide, plans to attend BYU Summer Jazz Camp; and Wallace Bratt, plans to attend



Photo courtesy of Jo Ann Gerrish

The Twin Falls Music Club Scholarship Foundation awarded scholarships to students, left to right, front row: Jenete Miller, Angela Miller and Sarah Lincoln; back row: Jeff Crandall, Vince Gerrish, Brian Brown and Randall Brown.

Want more information?

Meetings are held annually and students interested in information for next year's scholarship may call Jo Ann Gerrish at 326-5385.

Jeff Crandall, son of Monte and Ann Crandall of Twin Falls, \$150, alto saxophone, student of Linda Auerheide, plans to attend BYU Summer Jazz Camp; Jenete Miller, daughter of Sue Miller of Twin Falls, cello, \$100, student of Wallace Bratt, plans to attend

International Music Camp at the International Peace Garden.

The Music Club established scholarships through donations given in the following names: Denonals, Tom and Judy Dugoll, Marlene Juris Kirley, Margaret Neiwirth, Laverne Koutnik, Lawrence Curtis, Julianne Slaughter, Martha Hall and Steven Dodds; scholarships: First Federal Savings of Twin Falls, Mark Grefeson, Northwest Opera Association and the Twin Falls Junior Music Club

GOOD STUDENTS



Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls names students of the week for Team 7-1, Quarter 2. They are, left to right, back row: Jysika Amin, Vick Radic, Patty Sanchez and Rene Garcia; middle row: Mark Gabica, Riley Juker and Donna Quach; front row: David Rockwell, Justine Williams, Kilee Arrington and Sandi Mumunovic.

Photo courtesy of Robert Stuart High

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Ponzo steps up as United Way board president

Retired Navy Capt. James F. Ponzo has assumed the title of president of the United Way of Magic Valley.

He retired to the Twin Falls area three years ago after a 28-year career in the Navy. He is also president of the Combined Federal Campaign and a member of the Madison, Wis.-based Institute Model Classroom, which indicates measurable increases in student reading performance due to teachers using Reading Renaissance methods, organizers say.

To receive certification, educators must demonstrate they are actively working with students to meet the institute's recommended standards for reading achievement and their students' achievement in reading. The 60 hours of reading practice at Lincoln Elementary will also receive a \$100 merchandise certificate for each teacher and a discount on educational staff development opportunities.

Filer resident competes in trumpet competition

Vince Gerrish of Filer competed in the second annual North Idaho Youth Trumpet Competition at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn.

Gerrish, a senior, tied for first place playing a selection titled "Concert Etude" by Alexander Goedke.

Ten juniors and seniors from Minnesota, South Dakota, Idaho and North Dakota were selected for the regional contest. Entrants were required to submit a recording of a pre-selected song. A preliminary panel reviewed the tapes and selected the 10 finalists.

The students also took part in a clinic on trumpet playing, instructed by Vincent DiNatale, one of the most sought after trumpet performers and educators in the U.S., organizers say.

Educator attends science teachers convention

Kayne Teske, a science teacher at Twin Falls High School, attended the National Science Teachers Association national convention April 6-9 in Orlando, Fla.

More than 18,000 science teachers, principals, scientists and other education leaders

attended the convention and heard from nationally known speakers, including Sally Ride, former NASA astronaut and Eugene Scott, the nation's leading advocate for teaching evolution in the science classroom; Bill Nye, host of TV's Bill Nye the Science Guy; and Bob Vila, TV's home improvement expert.

Participants from around the country also exchanged ideas about effective ways to teach science to students of all ages; attended variety of hands-on workshops, short courses and authors' tours; and tried up-to-date teaching materials and cutting-edge technologies.

CSI students elect new officers for school year

College of Southern Idaho students recently elected next year's presidency and student senate, which includes Magic Valley students.

Jesse Gables of Burley is the incoming student body president. He was a sophomore senator during this school year. Christy Bowman of Twin Falls returns as student body treasurer for another year.

Student senators for the 2000-2001 school year include Amber Anderson of Wendell and Terry Fredrickson of Rupert.

Filer resident attends 2000 music teachers convention

Georgia Blastock of Filer attended the 2000 Music Teachers National Association national convention March 25-31 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Blastock, a member of the association Board of Directors, joined 2,000 music teachers, industry representatives, publishers and students at the convention.

Events included national student competition finals, concerts by well-known convention artists and learning about the latest in music teaching tools.

Blastock is a piano teacher in Filer, where her studio is located. She is a member of the local state and national music teachers association.

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ENGAGEMENTS

ANNIVERSARIES

BORDERS-FUNK

MURTAUGH — Steve and Mary Kay Borders announced the engagement of their daughter, Myra Elizabeth Borders, to Michael Joseph Funk, son of Dorell and Pat Funk of Murtaugh.

Borders attended Ricks College in Pocatello.

Funk is a graduate of Murtaugh High School and Ricks College. He served a mission in the Micronesia Guam Mission. He is employed by David Funk Farms in Murtaugh.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception will be held that evening at Seven Oaks in Salt Lake City. An open house in their honor will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Funk residence in Murtaugh.

MCINTOSH-CRAIG

TWIN FALLS — Michael and Betty Jean McIntosh of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne McIntosh, to Trip Craig of Twin Falls and Judith Craig of Twin Falls.

McIntosh is a 1984 graduate of Hagerman High School and a graduate of Boise State University, where she received a bachelor's degree in political science/public administration in 1989. She is self-employed and was elected to the Twin Falls City Council in 1999.

The wedding is planned for May 27 at Clear Lake Country Club.

BERENGER-BATTLES

HEYBURN — Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Berenger of Heyburn announced the engagement of their daughter, Lt. Jennifer A. Berenger, to A. Tom Battles Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo., son of the late Arvel Tom Battles Sr. and the late Daisy Ruth Scott.

Berenger graduated in 1993 from Minico High School in Richland, Washington, and from the University of Washington in Seattle, where she obtained a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and AFROTC commission in 1997; and from the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo., with a master of public administration degree this year. She is currently stationed at Schriever Air Force Base with the U.S. Air Force Command.

Battles is a graduate of Widefield



Michael Funk and Mylae Borders

The couple will reside in Murtaugh until fall and then will continue their education at Utah State University in Logan, Utah.



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Lt. Jennifer A. Berenger and A. Tom Battles Jr.
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An outdoor wedding is planned for May 27 in Manitou Springs, Colo.

The couple will reside at Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany.

GILLETTE-SHIPPEN

PAUL — Kacy Gillette of Paul and Ty Lee Shippens of Minot announce their engagement.

Gillette, the daughter of Jerry and Roanne Gillette of Paul, is a 1996 graduate of Minico High School. She graduated from Ricks College, attended Gen. S. Scott University and is presently attending Brigham Young University, where she will be receiving a secondary education degree in teaching social science and pursuing a masters in instructional technology.

Shippens, the son of Emmett and Sue Shippens, is a 1995 graduate of Ridgeview High School. He served an LDS mission to the North Carolina Raleigh Mission and also graduated from Ricks College via the College of Southern Idaho. He is majoring in business and math.

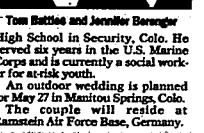
The wedding is planned for Tuesday in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.

WARDELL-WRIGHT

KIMBERLY — Daniel and Cherie Wardell of Kimberly announces the engagement of their daughter, Julie Anne Wardell, to Kevin Jonathan Wright, son of Cecil and Mareda Wright of Twin Falls.

Wardell is a graduate of Twin Falls High School in 1996, Ricks College in 1998, and is attending Idaho State University via the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Murtaugh and Dairy's in Murtaugh.

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An outdoor wedding is planned for May 27 in Manitou Springs, Colo.

The couple plans to reside in Provo this summer and work with the BYU youth basketball camp programs. They will continue their education in the fall.



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LEAVITT-CHEYNEY

TWIN FALLS — Max and Elaine Leavitt of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Shana Leavitt, to Shane Cheyney, son of Robert and Shana Cheyney of Twin Falls.

Leavitt is attending the College of Southern Idaho, majoring in secondary education.

Cheyney served a two-year Full-time LDS Mission in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is attending CSI in Woodworking/carpentry.

The wedding is planned for June 9 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A re-



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DUTTON-YOUNG

EDWARD — Edward and Nancy Dutton of Rupert announce the engagement of their daughter, Melody Mae Dutton, to Timothy Earl Young, son of Betty Young of Jerome and the late Rev. Floyd Young.

Dutton is a 1995 graduate of Minico High School in Rupert and a 1998 graduate of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. She is employed at Jerome High School.

Young is a 1980 graduate of Jerome High School. He is employed by Auto G. Lott Trucking in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for June 30.



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If father is 'chronically ill,' cost of care may be deductible

Q: Since my mother died last year, my father has been failing quickly. He is no longer able to take his medications on time, to dress himself, or to bathe. We have had sitters come in, but this is very expensive.

Including Social Security and pension from the mail, where he works for 40 years, Dad has only \$1,100 per month coming in. The vast majority of the family assets were spent on my mother's care. She died in a nursing home after three years of private pay, with drugs, averaged nearly \$4,000 per month.

A: Dad has left is an IRA of \$15,000, stocks worth \$10,000 which he has had for a long time, and his home valued at \$45,000. We hired a geriatric care manager to assess him and learned that he should be placed in an assisted living facility, not a nursing home. The cost will be \$2,800 monthly plus extras. Because we will have to dispose of his remaining assets and pay taxes in order to afford this, we are curious about whether Dad will be able to deduct his care in assisted living to offset some of the taxes. Also, if he needs to go into a nursing home later, how can we plan for this?

A: Last week, we were asked whether a parent who was forgetful and was not eating properly could deduct the cost of assisted living. The answer was that custodial care would rise to the level of deductibility. Your situation is quite different.

So long as your father is determined to be "chronically ill" by a licensed health care professional within the last 12 months, all or a part of the cost of assisted living may be deductible for income tax purposes and should offset most or all of the taxes incurred when you sell assets.

According to current law, your father would be "chronically ill"



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Services provided by the facility must fall under the accepted definition of "qualified long-term care services," which are "necessary diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, curing, treating, mitigating, and rehabilitative services, and maintenance or personal care services that are required by a chronically ill individual and provided pursuant to a plan of care prescribed by a licensed health care practitioner."

Based on these rules, we believe that if your physician will substantiate the need for care which includes needs to manage medication, safety issues, and assistance with a number of ADL's that the deduction may be appropriate.

How to plan for payment of nursing home care is quite another issue. Since we know that your father's income is \$1,100 per

month, there will be at least a \$1,100 shortfall of cash each month. This means you must go into his assets in order to pay for his care.

You can sell the house without concern about capital gains. Assuming the care is tax deductible, you can sell the stocks without payment of capital-gains tax and should be able to dip into his IRA without tax consequences. That said, if you liquidate his holdings, you should be put to about \$65,000 to work for him.

You should contact an investment advisor who can help you place the cash into investments that will allow you to withdraw what your father needs each month and return the best interest rate available without liquidating commitments or risk. You certainly don't need investments like equities or mutual funds that will penalize you if you need to make withdrawals.

No matter what you do, your father's money will probably run out in less than four years, and you will then face yet another hurdle. Your question points out precisely why planning should be done at or before the time the first steps are made in the nursing facility. In your father's case, significant assets could have been saved for his care if appropriate planning had been done then.

Taking the NextStep: You can find out more about these rules at <http://www.nextsteps.net> and in Publication 502 (Medical and Dental Expenses) under "Qualified Long-term Care Services."

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People who live in small towns are very fortunate

I was reminded once again the other day of the joys and benefits of living in an area where small towns far outnumber large ones.

My husband and I went to the Health Fair at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jensen Beach, Fla., recently. It was a great experience. The staff members and the paramedics kind, congenial, helpful and expert at their jobs, they met the large number of people who were there as if they were old friends.

Indeed I'm sure that some of them were old friends. I visited with many old friends and acquaintances I had not seen for awhile. Though having one's blood taken is never a pleasant experience, the friendly and relaxed atmosphere made up for what small discomfort was involved. I thought how fortunate we are to live here in an area where friendliness is still the norm and unkindness involves only a minority of the community.

What a pleasure it is to go to the myriad stores, restaurants and offices in the Magic Valley and have those who are there to help you act genuinely happy



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that you are in their particular establishment and truly mean it when they wish you a good day. There are, of course, exceptions, but generally they are truly - exceptions.

How I love to see former students, friends and acquaintances wherever I go and have the time to visit a bit and get reacquainted. Sure, having one's blood taken is never a pleasant

experience,

Admittedly, I have no standard of comparison, having lived in small Idaho towns all my life. But I have visited many of the large cities in the world, and the attitudes of those I have met is much different than those in smaller places.

There are wonderful

sights to see and places to go, but I would not trade any of them for peace, the solitude, the friendliness and the small-town atmosphere. I know that here, if I was in trouble and needed help, I could always count on Idaho people to be there for me. Even complete strangers would lend a hand.

Our way of life in the United States today has a tendency to isolate us, and the more violence we see on TV, the more likely we become afraid of our fellow man. Though there is a chance for violence in any small town in America, it seems more prevalent in the larger cities.

Perhaps we should consider that you are in their particular establishment and truly mean it when they wish you a good day.

There are, of course, exceptions, but generally they are truly - exceptions.

Perhaps I am, as they say, "as corny as Kansas in August," but when I walk out my door to get our daily paper, and I listen to the birds singing in the quiet of the morning, I know that the people I feel closest to are here.

I am proud to be an Idahoan, and I love this land.

None of us can know what the future may bring. Small-town life may change for the worse, but at the moment we who live in small towns America can feel very fortunate indeed. I know that I do.

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What's in a name?

Debate rages over what to call folks over 50

The Orange County Register

Ever feel like you can't win for losing?

More you are, feeling pretty darn good about turning 50 or 60 or even 70 birthdays, and along comes a whole party of poopers calling you nasty names.

No, we're not talking about the gloom-siders who view your aging as yet another nail in the economic destruction of the American way of life because you leech tax dollars for Social Security and Medicare.

We're talking about confusion in everyday conversation over the right words to use to identify people over 50.

There isn't a word that won't raise objections from somebody, which ought to tell us something about our diversity but only addles our attitude.

Are we geezers or geezettes? Golden agers or silver surfers? Senior citizens or elderly? Old people or wise adults? Seniors or retirees?

Does it matter?

"Hey, I don't care what you call me as long as you call me for dinner," says Charles V. McMannany, 90, munching a sandwich at the Oasis Senior Center in Corona del Mar, Calif. "And as long as I can answer, it's great."

Well, McMannany speaks from the lofty perch of advanced age. Our random survey of aging individuals in Orange County, San Francisco, Boston and Las Vegas found that nobody minds being labeled "old" more than the "young."

"No, not a geezer. I'll never be a geezer. That is derogatory, a mean old man," says Dave Teter, 45, sliding into his car in parked by the Orange Mart in Orange, Calif. Teter, of Anaheim Hills, says he prefers "late baby boomer."

Ab, Teter is but a child in the realm of the aged. Did you know two-thirds of people who lived to be 65 in the history of the world are alive today? We don't know what to call them. Truly. This army of people is euphemistically challenged.

"There are so many of us, there is no word to describe us all," says Theodore Roszak, author of "America the Wise" (Houghton Mifflin).

We span more than 50 years and four generations: the oldest boomers (born 1924-64), the

hated by "old farts," she wrote. They bowed to the pressure of the "geezer lobby," she said.

Malink admits she used the word "geezer" to be provocative. The label provokes historian Roszak to comment, "It's in the same category as a Polish joke." But Ed Burke, 81, of Orange, disagrees.

Puffing a cigarette outside the Orange Wal-Mart, he says, "There's too much political correctness today." When he grew up in the New York City area, "people called each other names and the names never bothered us."

In 1997, a Journalists Exchange on Aging survey of 129 journalists who cover aging found that the over-65 are "senior citizens" and "the elderly." Words like "old folks," "golden agers," "adults" and "mature adult" were barely mentioned.

The terms most preferred were "seniors" followed by variations on "older" as a modifier to "Americans," "adults," "individuals," "people" and "persons."



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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Michael Atwell and Bill Brockelman are best buds. The next-door neighbors do everything together. They fish. They tell old rods and reels. They tell stories. They cross the flea market. And when Michael gets out of school, he usually heads to bedline to his fountain home just to hang out with Brockelman. The two have been friends for four years.

They view their friendship as ordinary. But many people might see it as unusual, because Michael is 12 and Bill is 71.

"It's pretty different, for as old as Bill is, and as young as Michael is," Michael's mom, Debbie Atwell, says of the friendship. "But I think it's pretty neat."

Academics and analysts say such intergenerational friendships are not only "neat," but also desperately needed for the good of society.

By fostering more relationships like Michael and Bill's, seniors can find mentors and get the one-on-one attention they often lack at home, experts say. Elderly people can find more meaning in their lives and become more connected to their communities. And society itself could benefit from a more unified consciousness.

"It's not that (intergenerational) programs are just nice; they are important," says Nancy Herk, director of the Center for Inter-generational Learning at Temple University in Philadelphia. "They can really foster a sense of interdependence in communities, and we need people to feel some sort of responsibility for each other."

Although there has long been a generation gap, it has been exacerbated by changed demographics and pop culture that have nearly obliterated the opportunities for generations to mingle.

Tom McBride, an English professor at Beloit College in Wisconsin, points the finger at pop culture. It's not that adults and younger adults can't get along, he says. It's more that society doesn't encourage them to interact.

Cultural touchstones help gauge differences among generations

The Gazette

To gauge the differences among generations, Beloit College in Wisconsin compiles a list of cultural touchstones particular to its freshman classes. Though the college claims that this is not meant to be "age research," the list is an eye-opener when it comes to the different frames of reference for different generations. Knowing which Nick Charles, Nick Nolte or Nick Carter are, for example, says something about your generation.

Here's the list for the class of 2003, geared toward students who were born in 1981.

* They are the first generation to be born into Luvs, Huggies andampers.

* John Lennon and John Belushi always have been dead.

* There always has been a

woman on the Supreme Court, and women have always been traveling in space.

* They never have needed a prescription to buy ibuprofen.

* They never realized that for one brief moment Gen. Alexander Haig was "in charge."

* They never heard Walter Cronkite suggest that "That's the way it is."

* They were born and grew up with Microsoft, IBM PCs, in-line skates, NutraSweet, fax machines, film on disks, and unregulated quantities of commercial interruptions on television.

* Somebody named Dole always has been running for something.

* "Cats" has been on Broadway all their lives.

* For the rest of the Mindset List go to <http://www.beloit.edu/class/clip/Class of 2003 Mindset List>.

Tips on bridging the generation gap

Play "Generations Game." It's a cutout board game much like "Candyland," except players must answer family history questions

Advertisers split the buying market by age, drawing an imaginary line between 18-24 year-olds and those 50 and older. Television shows also segment the generations: Teens watch the WB's "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," while their parents catch CBS' "Touched by an Angel."

Such practices have segmented our society in ways never seen before, says McBride.

"Instead of one gap, there are lots of little gaps," says McBride, who has appeared on the "Today" show to talk about the differences in generational communication. "People who communicate culture today are so

much more skilled at targeting different segments of the society."

Even in his own home, he says, the segmentation takes its toll among the adults and children. Targeted programming creates households where everyone watches something different on his or her own television, with little interaction.

Job demands and increased mobility also have segmented families and the generations. Brockelman lives in Fountain, but most of his sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren live in Maryland.

"They don't come down much," he says.